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BY

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I count all Things but Loſs for the Excellency of the Knowledge of CHRIST JESUS *my Lord; for whom I have ſuffer'd the Loſs of all Things, and do count them but Dung, that I may win* CHRIST.

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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

THE following JOURNAL was wrote without any View of its preſent Publication; but at my Arrival I ſhew'd it to a particular Friend, for his private Information only, who, after he had read it, deſired me by all Means to publiſh it. This I thought not ſufficient, 'till I had ſubmitted it to the Judgment of Perſons of ſuperior Parts and Learning; accordingly, it has paſs'd the Examination of Three Gentlemen, who are Friends to the Cauſe of JESUS CHRIST, *and of whoſe Judgment, Integrity, and Impartiality, I had no Reaſon to doubt; theſe all made their ſeveral Remarks, and concurr'd in deſiring its Publication. If any one ſhould think, that my publiſhing this JOURNAL will ſuperſede and interfere with thoſe Journals already publiſh'd, or which ſhall hereafter*

hereafter be publiſh'd by Mr. WHITEFIELD, *I deſire they will conſider, that Mr.* WHITEFIELD's *laſt Journal ought to be read before this, by thoſe who are willing to know the Riſe and Progreſs of the great Work now carrying on in* America. *Beſides, Mr.* WHITEFIELD's *laſt Journal ends at our Arrival in* Georgia *in* January, *and this begins in* April, *and contains only one Fortnight's* Tranſactions *of what paſs'd while I was with him in* Penſilvania, *and the* Jerſeys; *and of* thoſe *I don't know that Mr.* WHITEFIELD *ever ſaw one Word of my Remarks, for I always thought his Time too precious, and my own Performances too mean to trouble him with. I had no Thoughts of coming to* England *when I left* Savannah, *ſo that my former* JOURNAL *which I was enabled to keep from the Time I went abroad, and which is very long and particular, is now at* Georgia, *and may hereafter be publiſh'd, if I find a proper Call for it, and that any Good is done by this. And becauſe mine ſhould be as different as might be from Mr.* WHITEFIELD's, *I purpoſely avoided looking into his, leſt I ſhould be led into the ſame Thoughts and Remarks. If any Doctrines, contain'd in this* JOURNAL, *ſhall appear in a different Light to others, to what they do to me, I deſire they will not be offended, but ſearch the Scriptures, and ſee whether the Things advanced are ſo, or not. I alſo deſire it may be obſerved, that nothing is here advanced with a View to raiſe a Controverſy, or doubtful Diſputations, which I utterly abhor. I am perſwaded myſelf of the Truth of thoſe Things which I have written, but I deſire no one to pin*

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their Faith on my Sleeve, but would have All *go to the Law and to the Teſtimony: And* above all, *let every one, learned or unlearned, apply to* JESUS CHRIST *by earneſt Prayer to* open their Underſtandings, that they may underſtand the Scriptures; *without which Application, tho' they may be able to read the written Word in* Hebrew, Greek, *and* Latin, *I am ſure their learned Explications will be Fooliſhneſs in the Sight of GOD. I confeſs I underſtand but little of either, tho' I was Seven Years at a Grammar-School, my Talent lying another Way, as moſt of my old Acquaintance know; ſo that many of them may be apt to ſay,* How knoweth this Man Letters, having never learned? *To which I anſwer, that I truſt I have been* taught of GOD, *which all will allow to be the beſt Teaching; not that I deſpiſe human Learning in its proper Place. How I came to be thus taught, and what Means the Holy Sovereign of the World was pleaſed to make uſe of to draw me from a* vain Converſation, *and by Degrees to wean me from the eager Purſuit I was for many Years engaged in, after the Profits, Pleaſures, and Honours of this World, as my only Happineſs, may poſſibly hereafter appear, if GOD ſhall think fit to aſſiſt me in that Work, and call me thereunto. Mean while, I publiſh this* JOURNAL *with much* Fear and Trembling *of Heart, leſt the Cauſe of GOD ſhould ſuffer thro' the Weakneſs of the Inſtrument engaged therein. Therefore all I have to add, is earneſtly to intreat all Perſons to conſider more what is written, than the Perſon by whom it was wrote. If any one poor Soul ſhall receive Benefit hereby, my*

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End will be anſwer'd; and I deſire they will give all Praiſe and Glory to GOD, to whom alone all Praiſe is due, and I deſire they will bleſs GOD for me, and be earneſt at the Throne of Grace, that He who hath begun the good Work *would carry it on, and enable me* to finiſh my Courſe with Joy; *that* having put my Hand to the Plough, I may never look back, *but that* I may endure to the End, and be ſaved; *that* I may not be of the Number of thoſe who draw back unto Perdition, but of them that believe to the ſaving of the Soul; *and in Return to their Prayers, they may be aſſured, as the Lord ſhall aſſiſt, they will be remember'd by*

Their unworthy Servant in CHRIST,

LONDON,
July 24, 1740.

William Seward.

Mr. *SEWARD's*

JOURNAL, &c.

SAVANNAH, April 2, 1740.

TOOK Leave of our Friends, ſome of whom came on board our Sloop, and ſail'd with us Fifteen Miles. Read the Life of Mr. *Henry Jeſſey*,—a holy, godly Man,—with the Marks of a true Chriſtian, and a great Labourer in the Lord's Vineyard.—*May we be Followers of ſuch, as they were of Chriſt.*

On Board the Savannah.

April 8. For theſe Five Days paſt I kept my Bed with Indiſpoſition, and had every Day *ſweet Communion with my dear Lord Jeſus*, who *filled me with his Fullneſs*, and made me earneſt in my Supplications for the Church of God in general, for my Friends in particular, and for preparing our Way before us in *Penſilvania* and *New York*.

Read and heard ſeveral Sermons of Mr. *Trail*, upon our Lord's Prayer in the 17th of St. *John*, wherein he diſplays the exceeding Happineſs of *Believers* in being with *Jeſus Chriſt, and beholding his Glory*.—The tranſient Views we have of it here, *cover'd with a Veil, and ſeen as thro' a Glaſs darkly*, are yet ſo raviſhing, that all the Glory of this World are as *Dung and Droſs* in Compariſon of it. What then muſt it be when we ſee him Face to Face? And yet he has *no Form or Comelineſs* to an unbelieving carnal World; who can *ſee no Beauty in him, that they ſhould deſire him*,—and as they reject him now, they ſhall be rejected by him at the laſt Day, when *they ſhall call on the Rocks to fall on them, and the Hills to cover them from the Wrath of the Lamb*, whoſe Glory ſhall appear to them as a *conſuming*

Fire, inſtead of a burning Love.—O that *Unbelievers* would conſider this in Time, and *flee from the Wrath* to come.

Read Dr. *Owen* on the Aſſiſtance of the Holy Spirit in Prayer.—It ſeems full of Learning, as well as ſolid Experience.—O that we may daily *grow and improve in this, as well as every other Chriſtian Grace.*——

April 9. Yeſterday and to Day wrote Letters for *England*; but behold, what a Moment may bring forth! while I was writing to my *Honoured Mother*, Mr. *Whitefield* came and propoſed my going to *England* with *Brother G*——, upon ſeveral important Affairs relating to the *Church of God.*—Particularly and chiefly to bring over *Brother Hutchins*, to take Care of the *Orphan-Houſe* in his Abſence, to acquant the *Truſtees of Georgia* with the State of the *Colony*, and the Means, under God, for the better Eſtabliſhment thereof, it being now upheld almoſt wholly by the Soldiery and *Orphan-Houſe*, moſt of the People who are unconcern'd in either, being gone or going.— The proper Means, under God, of eſtabliſhing the Colony, are principally Three, 1. An Allowance of Negroes; 2. A free Title to the Lands; and, 3. An Independent Magiſtracy, *viz.* ſuch as are able and willing to ſerve without *Fee* or *Reward.* My Buſineſs with the Truſtees will be, farther, to bring over the Money lodg'd in their Hands for building the *Church at Savannah.* I am, moreover, to collect Subſcriptions for a *Negroe School in Penſilvania*, where our *Brother Whitefield* propoſes to take up Land, in order to ſettle a *Town* for the Reception of ſuch *Engliſh Friends* whoſe Hearts God ſhall incline to come and ſettle there.— *O that the Lord may prepare and proſper our Way before us, and give us Favour in the Eyes of thoſe to whom we are ſent, that we may do a great deal of Buſineſs in a little Time, with a Single Eye to his Glory; and that we may quickly return to our dear Friends at* Savannah, *with Anſwers of Peace, and ſure Tokens that God was with us of a Truth in every Step.*——*Amen, even ſo dear Lord Jeſus, and let all the Bretheren ſay, Amen.*

April 10. Wrote Letters to my dear Brethren at *Savannah.*—Read a brief Account of the Revd. Mr. *Browning*'s Miniſtry at *Rowel*, and perceive in him as plain and clear Conceptions of the free Grace of God in Chriſt to poor Sinners, and of his *Eternal and Electing Love* to them, as I ever read in any Author; nor did that Holy Man abuſe that Grace, but appears to have *lived the Life, and*

and to have died the Death of the Righteous. The Lord grant that my *Life and latter End may be like his.* Amen. Read ſome Account of the Life of Mr. *Richard Davis*, wrote by *Mathias Maurice*, (who was likewiſe the Author of Mr. *Browning*'s Life, mention'd above) which proves him to have been Partaker of the ſame Spirit, even that of *Jeſus Chriſt.*—Both were like St. *Paul*, true Labourers in the Lord's Vineyard; and Mr. *Davis*, in particular, underwent the Scoffs and Reproaches of *Unbelievers* in Conformity to his bleſſed Maſter, and all the dear Children of God.

DELAWARE BAY.

April 12. 1740. Yeſterday I was again viſited with Sickneſs, and kept my Bed, which *my Dear Jeſus* made ſweet to me, and ſhewed me it proceeded from his loving, tender, and *Fatherly* Hand. *O that I may always be in Subjection to the Father of Spirits, and live; and as ready to ſuffer as to do his Will.*

DELAWARE RIVER.

April 13. 1740. Wrote Letters Yeſterday and this Morning, beſides Meditation, Singing, and Prayer; and found *the Lord had led me by his Spirit, and had been with me of a Truth.*—Our dear *Paſtor* gave us the Comfortable Sacrament of our *dear Lord*, the Memorial of his *Redeeming Blood*, to prepare us for going abroad into a naughty World, that we may be kept from the *Evil* of it. Landed at *Newcaſtle*, where Mr. *Grafton*, with whom we lodged before, kindly received us, and the Lord was pleaſed immediately to open a Door for preaching his Goſpel, for the Miniſter was Ill, and gladly granted his Pulpit both Morning and Afternoon.—I got a Horſe, and rode to *Chriſtian Bridge* and *Whitely Creek*; gave Notice to ſeveral I met on the Road and brought the Revd. Mr. *Charles Tennant*, Dr. *Jones*, and *Lewis Howel*, with Two or Three Hundred Horſe, from Mr. *Tennant*'s Meeting, to hear the Afternoon Sermon, which was on the Converſion of *Zaccheus.* After this, Dr. *Jones*, Mr. *Howel*, and Mr. *Tennant* accompanied us to *Willings Town*, where our Brother appointed to preach the next Day.—At our Arrival, ſeveral Friends came to viſit us, with whom we had much Talk of the Things concerning our *Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Coming of his Kingdom.*—Mr. *Tennant* informed us of the great

great Succeſs which had attended our Brother *Whitefield*'s Preaching, when here laſt. For ſome Time a general Silence was fixed by the Lord on People's Minds, and many began ſeriouſly to think on what Foundation they ſtood.—A general outward Reformation has been viſible. Many Miniſters have been quicken'd in their Zeal to *preach the Word in Seaſon, and out of Seaſon.*—Congregations are increaſed, and ſome few, 'tis hoped, will be brought, thro' their Convictions, into a *ſound and ſaving Converſion.*—All Glory be to GOD alone!

PHILADELPHIA.

April 14. Laſt Night, and this Morning, our Souls were again feaſted with Accounts of the *Coming of our Lord's Kingdom*, and the *Fall of Satan*'s.—Some Thouſands came to hear the Word, tho' the Notice was ſo ſhort; and our Brother preach'd out of the Balcony of the Houſe where we lodged, with great Enlargement; ſhewing, that *the Kingdom of God*, or the Kingdom of Grace in the Heart of a Believer, *is not Meat and Drink*, or any outward Thing whatſoever, *but Righteouſneſs, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghoſt.* We had Hourly Experience of the Bleſſed Fruits and Effects of our Brother's former Labours.—It is impoſſible to expreſs the Affection of the People, and their eager *Hungrings and Thirſtings after the ſincere Milk of the Word.* Here the Lord began to ſhew us, that his Diſciples might *go without Purſe or Scrip, and lack nothing*; for neither at *Newcaſtle, here*, or at *Cheſter*, had we any Thing to pay.—Many met us on the Road, and an univerſal Joy was ſpread at our Arrival.—The *War* with *Spain* happen'd to be this Day proclaim'd;—but tho' our Meſſage is from the *Prince of Peace*, yet we have an *Enemy* to engage with, who will not, cannot make *Peace* with us.—O may we *reſiſt him even unto Blood*, and never think of making even a *Truce* with that grand *Deceiver* and *Enemy* to poor Souls, *Satan*, or any of his accurſed *Emmiſſaries.*

At our Arrival, tho' late, many Friends came to ſee us; particularly Mr. *Jones*, the Baptiſt Miniſter, who told us of Two other Miniſters, Mr. *Treat* and Mr. *Morgan*, who were ſo affected with our Brother *Whitefield*'s Spirit, that the latter had gone forth *preaching the glad Tidings of Salvation* towards the Sea Coaſt in the *Jerſeys*, and many other Places which *lay in Darkneſs and the Shadow of Death.*—The former told his Congregation, that he had been hither-

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to *deceiving* himſelf and them, and that he could not preach to them at preſent, but deſired they'd join in Prayer with him.——O that all carnal, formal, dead Preachers were thus *convicted*, and then we might hope many would be truly *converted*, and become *obedient to the Faith*.

God was pleaſed to *manifeſt himſelf* much to our Souls, and *fill us with great Joy* at hearing of theſe *glad Tidings*; ſo that we were drawn out much to praiſe and adore the holy Name of our dear Redeemer for all the Tokens of his Loving-kindneſs towards us. O that our Hearts may be hereby eſtabliſhed and confirmed in the Faith; for otherwiſe we ſhall ſurely be as inexcuſable as the unbelieving *Jews* in the Wilderneſs.

April 15. We were inform'd that an *Indian Trader* was ſo affected with Brother *Whitefield*'s Doctrine, that he is gone to teach the *Indians* with whom he uſed to Trade.

This Morning we waited on the *Proprietor*, *Governor*, and *Miniſter*: The Two former received us kindly, the latter was cold, and refuſed the Uſe of the *Church*, becauſe of Mr. *Whitefield*'s writing againſt *Archbiſhop Tillotſon*.—Whereupon God was pleaſed to *open a more effectual Door*; for our Brother preached from the ſame Balcony which he did when he preached his Farewell Sermon here in *November*, to about Ten Thouſand People, and his Text was, *And they caſt him out*; whereby he had an Opportunity to ſhew that our *Clergy* were actuated by the ſame Spirit which ruled in the *Scribes* and *Phariſees* when they *caſt out* the Blind Man, whoſe *Spiritual* as well as *Natural* Eyes our dear Redeemer had open'd.—*O may all Blind Leaders of the Blind be thus detected!*

One of our *London Brethren*, who providentially came over with us, and whom we left here, as not thinking him fit to be employ'd in the *Orphan-Houſe*, took ſome imprudent Steps in order to ſet up a *Society*, which, after meeting Two or Three Times, was put a Stop to; ſince which, Seven or Eight Men, and about the like Number of Women, meet together ſeparately, to ſing and pray, and confer about holy Things, and I hope God will bring ſome Good out of it.—But our aforeſaid Brother has given Offence in ſeveral other Particulars, for which I *check'd* and *reprov'd* him, as I hope, *in the Spirit of Meekneſs*.—O that we may never run before the Lamb, but blindfold follow Him.—The Diſciples of *Chriſt*, eſpecially thoſe who pretend to teach others, ought to be exceeding cloſe and exact in their Walk with

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God, leſt they betray his Cauſe, and bring a Reproach on his holy Name.

April 16, 1740. This Morning Two of the *Society* aforeſaid came for *Spiritual Advice* to our Brother *Whitefield*. One of them was a *Negroe*, the other a young Man full of ſweet Experience in the Spiritual Life.—This, I think, is a Token for Good in Behalf of our *London* Brother aforeſaid, and proves that Chriſt will own the weakeſt Endeavours in his Service, tho' attended with many Infirmities, provided the Heart be ſincere and upright.

A free *Negroe* Woman came to Mr. *Whitefield*, who was touched by the *free Grace of God* when he expounded in the *Priſon* at his firſt Coming, and is a good Omen that God intends Salvation for the *Negroes*, while he paſſes by their Deſpiſers, and worſe than *Egyptian Task-Maſters*.—*Oh that many of them may be pricked to the Heart, and feelingly enquire after the dear Lord Jeſus.*

Our Brother preached this Morning from a Scaffold built on *Society Hill*, to about Five Thouſand People; inviting *weary and heavy laden* Sinners to come to Jesus Christ. *Weary* with their *Original Sin*, *weary* with their *actual Sins*, and above all, *weary* of the Sin of *Unbelief*, that Sin which condemns the World.—*Oh that every one who names the Name of Chriſt were duly convicted of this one Sin, and then they would ſoon depart from all Iniquity.*

In the Afternoon our Brother preached from the Balcony on *Society-Hill*, to the largeſt Congregation we have yet had in *America*, computed at Ten or Twelve Thouſand People, upon *Perſecution*, which he ſhew'd *every one muſt neceſſarily ſuffer, who will live Godly in Chriſt Jeſus*. A Friend came in and told us, that ſome Gentlemen threaten'd to Cane me for having taken away the Keys of the *Aſſembly-Room*, *Dancing-School*, and *Muſick-Meeting*, which the Owner delivered me on my Promiſe to pay for any Damage he ſhould ſuſtain thereby.—May the Lord ſtrengthen me to carry on this Battle againſt one of Satan's ſtrongeſt Holds in this City,—ſupported in Part too by the *Proprietor*, whoſe Father bore a noble Teſtimony againſt thoſe Deviliſh Diverſions,—which ſhews us how dangerous a Snare it is to our Children, to leave them *rich in this Worlds Goods, and not rich in Faith.*

Came at Night to Mr. *Leech*'s Plantation, Nine Miles from Town, and were kindly received.—*May the Lord reward them at the Great Day.*

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Wrote my *Journal, interceded for the Church of Chriſt,* and went to Reſt, full of a Senſe of the Divine Goodneſs.

April 17. Made Interceſſion again as ſoon as I was up.—A Gentleman, Landlord of the Houſe where the *Aſſembly* is kept, came and inform'd us, that a great Stir was made about my taking away the *Keys*; and others told us they had broken open the Door, tho' it was not their Night of meeting.—What a Hurry *Satan* puts his *Servants* into, when their darling *Idols* are oppoſed?—*O that we could learn of them to be as zealous for our Maſter, who will give us Eternal Life, whereas Satan's Wages is Eternal Death.*

Mr. *Whitefield* preached near Mr. *Treat*'s Meeting-Houſe at *Abingdon* from a Horſe-Block, to about Three Thouſand People, on *Chriſt's being made unto us of God, Wiſdom, Righteouſneſs, Sanctification, and Redemption*; and the Word came with much Sweetneſs.

Our Brother baptized a Child, and then came to Town, and preached to about Ten Thouſand People, on the *poor Woman with the Bloody Iſſue*, wherewith many were greatly affected, eſpecially when our Brother invited the poor *Negroes to touch Jeſus Chriſt by Faith*, whereby they would gain *Freedom* from the *Slavery* of Sin and Satan.

Farther ſays our Brother, *and will none of you touch Jeſus Chriſt by Faith this Night? O take Example by this Woman, and you ſhall be healed of all the Plagues that are now in your Hearts.*

Wrote Letters to *Chriſtian Bridge, Whitely Creek, Virginia, North* and *South Carolina.*

Wrote my *Journal,* made Interceſſion, and went to Reſt in the Arms of my Lord *Jeſus.*

April 18. This Day was publiſhed our Brother *Whitefield*'s Letter to the Inhabitants of *Maryland, Virginia, North* and *South Carolina*, about their Abuſe of the poor *Negroes.*

Viſited a *Negroe*, and pray'd with her, and found her Heart touched by Divine Grace.—Praiſed be the Lord, methinks one *Negroe* brought to *Jeſus Chriſt* is peculiarly ſweet to my Soul.—*O may the Lord make his Power to be known among them.*—Heard of a Child of Twelve Years old turn'd out of a *Boarding-School*, becauſe ſhe would not learn to *Dance.*—Heard of a Maſter who had put his Servant in the Work-houſe for going to hear our Brother.

Heard of a Drinking Club (whereof a Clergyman was a Member) that had a *Negroe* Boy attending them, who uſed

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to mimick People for their Diverſion. The Gentlemen bid him mimick our Brother *Whitefield*; which he was very unwilling to do; but they inſiſting upon it, he ſtood up and ſaid—*I ſpeak the Truth in Chriſt, I lie not, unleſs you repent, you'll all be damned.*—This unexpected Speech broke up the Club, which has not met ſince.

Went to *Whitemarſh*, where our Brother preached to about Three Thouſand, and preſſed *Believers* to plead for their *full Privileges*, not only for *Righteouſneſs* and *Peace*, but *Joy in the Holy Ghoſt*; and I believe the Power of the Lord was preſent to heal many Sin-ſick Souls.

Came to *German Town*, where our Brother preach'd to about Four Thouſand, and was very preſſing to call poor Sinners to *Jeſus Chriſt* by the Promiſe of the Comforter, who is to convince us of Sin, particularly of the Sin of *Unbelief*; of *Righteouſneſs*, particularly the *Righteouſneſs of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt*; and of *Judgment*, particularly of that ſolid Peace which flows from an Aſſurance that *Satan* is *judged*, condemned, and caſt out of our Hearts.

Notice was given of a New Lecture at *German Town* every *Thurſday*, by Four Miniſters.—Glory be to God for raiſing up Miniſters to water what his own Right Hand hath planted —Return'd to *Philadelphia* with great Joy, after viſiting a Quaker, at whoſe Houſe our Brother gave a cloſe Exhortation. By the Way I exhorted ſome young People to prepare for Trials and Temptations, leſt they ſhould be offended when *Tribulation or Perſecution ariſes becauſe of the Word.* Viſited a poor Woman who is under grievous Darkneſs and Temptation: Our Brother *Whitefield* pray'd with her, and exhorted the Spectators to look up by Faith unto *Jeſus Chriſt*, as a ſure Phyſician to heal every wounded Conſcience.—Sung a Hymn, and our Brother uſed Family Prayer.—I pray'd with Brother *Grant*, wrote my *Journal*, and went to Reſt, *admiring at the free Grace and Goodneſs of God to me a poor weak rebellious Worm.*

April 19. Roſe and made Interceſſion for an Hour. Agreed to go to *England* in the *George*, about a Month hence, with Brother *G*—. O may the Lord ſanctify our Voyage. Our Brother preached on Miniſters *corrupting the Word of God*, by denying *Original Sin*, the *Divinity of Chriſt*, *Juſtification by Faith alone*, and by making the Light of Nature ſufficient to bring us to *Jeſus Chriſt*; whereas he ſhewed them we were in a State of *Death by Nature*, and muſt be *raiſed to a Spiritual Life by the quick-*

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ving Spirit of Jeſus Chriſt, whoſe Merits muſt be applied to us by *Faith*, which *Faith is the Gift of God*, and is not poſſible to be attain'd by the Light of Nature, but muſt be revealed to us from above.

Viſited ſome holy Women who are beginning a *Society*. Exhorted them, and after that we pray'd and ſung a Hymn. In the Evening Mr. *Whitefield* preached on our Saviour's caſting out the Devil which the Diſciples could not, and moſt of the Sermon was ſweet Food for the newly awaken'd Converts, but Nonſenſe to the Natural Man. Our Brother warn'd them much of Oppoſition and Perſecution, that when it comes they may not be ſurprized.—Spoke with two Wiſe Virgins who were awaken'd by our Brother's Preaching, when here before, on *the Lord our Righteouſneſs*, and their Hearts were much broke and melted down.

Viſited a young Society of Women, and our Brother exhorted and pray'd with them.

Viſited a Perſon they ſaid was *mad*, and found it only ſuch a *Madneſs* as St. *Paul*'s, when he was *three Days praying, and neither did eat or drink*; ſo this Man has been about five Days with very little if any Sleep, and ſaid he could not cloſe his Eyes till JESUS CHRIST had aſſured him that *his Sins were forgiven*. He ſaid, GOD had ſtruck him down ſome Time ago with *Convictions*, as it were a *Light from Heaven*, but falling into Sin again, he loſt the *Influences of Grace* which GOD in his Mercy was now ſhowering upon him. O that all the World were thus *mad*, then ſhould we have a Heaven upon Earth.

Supped at an old Friend's Houſe, who follow'd us to *Maryland*, but ſince grew ſhy. O may the Lord bring him on again, *heal his Backſlidings, and love him freely*.

Sunday, April 20. Roſe about Five, and pray'd with Mr. *Grant*. Our Brother preach'd at Seven on *Zaccheus*, after which we collected 150 *l.* 10 *s.* Currency, which is near 90 *l.* Sterling, and is more than ever we had at once.—Our Friend mention'd above came and collected for us. O may the Lord enable him to *ſuffer Reproach for Chriſt's Sake*.—Went to Church Morning and Evening, and heard the *Commiſſary* preach againſt *Juſtification by Faith alone*. O ye *blind Guides*, you'll be condemn'd out of your own Mouths; for ſince you'll have no other Saviour but your *Works*, by your *Works* you ſhall be *judged* and *condemned*; for I know of no *Works* you do, but *Works of Darkneſs*.

Went to a private Houſe and received the Bleſſed Sacrament. In the Evening our Brother preached on the ſame Text as the *Commiſſary* did, *viz. James* ii. 18. wherein he proved the Doctrine of free Juſtification as clear as the Sun, and ſhew'd the Errors of the contrary Doctrine, and anſwered all the *Commiſſary*'s Objections; after which we collected 83 *l.* Currency, which is near 50 *l.* Sterling, for the *Orphan-Houſe*. Viſited a *Society* of young Perſons, awaken'd by our Brother's Preaching. *O may the Lord increaſe it, tho' ſmall now, till it becomes a great Tree, and fills the Land.*

Related my *Experiences* to our Family, with whom I had ſweet Communion. Wrote my *Journal*, made Interceſſion, and gave Thanks for all the Mercies GOD had ſhewn us this Day.

April 21. Roſe and made Interceſſion by myſelf, and alſo with Two of my Brethren.—Took Water, and went to *Glouceſter County* in the *Jerſeys*, where our Brother preached twice, and *divers came from far*; alſo many Boats from *Philadelphia*.—Horſes were provided for us, and we ſung often going and coming.—After the Morning Sermon I withdrew, and had ſweet Communion with my *dear JESUS*.

At our Return, we heard many had abuſed our Brother for preaching againſt Juſtification by Works, *contradicting and blaſpheming the Doctrine of GOD's free Grace*.—Father forgive them, and convert them, for they know not what they do.

Interceeded with Two of my Brethren, and went to Reſt in the Arms of my ſweet Saviour.

Tueſday, April 22. Wrote Letters to *Savannah, Charles-Town*, and *Frederica, Virginia, Cape Fear, New Brunſwick*, and *New York*. Incloſed our Brother's Letters againſt Archbiſhop *Tillotſon*, and about the *Negroes*, and alſo ſundry News-Papers. Wrote *Paragraphs* for the News, where our Brother was to preach and had preached. Viſited the Houſe where the *Aſſembly* was kept; pray'd with the Family, who were much threaten'd on Account of *their Deſign to lay it down, and of their ſending their two Daughters to* Georgia. *Agreed with Mr.* Allen *for Five Thouſand Acres of Land on the Forks of* Delaware, *at* 2200 l. *Sterling*; the Conveyance to be made to Mr. *Whiteſield*, and after that aſſign'd to me, as Security for my advancing the Money.—Pray'd for a Bleſſing on the ſame.—Viſited the *Society* of young Men,

Exhorted

Exhorted them, pray'd with them, and gave them ſomething towards their Expences. One of this *Society* is a *Negroe*.

Mr. *Whitefield* propoſes to give Orders for build ng the *Negroe School* on the purchaſed Land before he leaves the *Province*. *O may the Lord bleſs and proſper it.*

Our Brother preached to Two large Auditories, who were very much melted. He was very plain and powerful againſt *the Quakers erroneous Tenets*, ſo that many of them are fallen away, *but ſome cleave unto us, among which is our dear Friend* Benezet, with whom we lodge, who ſaid with Tears, that he was convinced of the Truth, and that moſt of their *Teachers* and *People* were in a *carnal Security*.

The Numbers who apply for *Spiritual Advice* daily increaſes. O how ſweet is it to ſee poor Souls come crying out, *What ſhall we do to be ſaved?* Many deſire to go to *Georgia*, and ſome I believe Mr. *Whitefield* will take, but moſt of them he puts off, deſigning to employ them in the *Negroe School*, or ſettle them in Societies in *Philadelphia*.

April 23. Left *Philadelphia*, and came to *Ne Chamine*, where our Brother preached to about Five Thouſand, upon the abſolute Neceſſity of being *weary and heavy laden with a Senſe of our Original and Actual Sins*, before we can poſſibly come to a *ſaving Cloſure* with CHRIST, and thereby enjoy the *Reſt* of GOD in our *Souls*. He was very weak in Body, but ſo filled with the *Holy Ghoſt*, that I never heard more *gracious Words proceed out of his Mouth. O how ſweetly did he invite poor Sinners to come to* CHRIST *for Reſt. Surely 'twas enough to melt the hardeſt Heart, for the Smiles of a Cherubim were in his Countenance.*

I was inform'd there was about ſixty awaken'd Sinners out of one Congregation, who were there to hear him.

Several *godly Miniſters* came to meet us, particularly Mr. *Croſs* and Mr. *Campbel*, who were preſſing for our Brother to come and preach to their People.—The latter told me he was endeavouring to bring ſome *(who had a floating Joy)* back to *Convictions* again, and that he had prevail'd with One or Two.—O bleſſed and happy are thoſe Souls, who are willing to be *led by the Spirit into the Wilderneſs, to be tempted of the Devil*, even after they have received the Holy Ghoſt; and if ſuch have need thereof, how much more thoſe who have only received *the Word with Joy*, without ever having been under the Spirit of Bondage?—Certainly, unleſs the *Fallow Ground* is plow'd up, and the *Stony taken*

from our Hearts, in Time of Tribulation, or Perſecution we ſhall ſadly fall away.

In laſt Nights Sermon, Mr. *Whitefield*, from the *Beatitudes*, ſhewed the Progreſs of the Spirit in every *Believer's* Heart, and then warn'd thoſe who had *believed*, to arm themſelves againſt a *Day of Trial and Perſecution*, which will certainly come, in ſome Way or other, upon every one that *will live Godly in Chriſt Jeſus.*—Had ſweet Converſe and Unity with old Mr. *Tennant* and his Spouſe, and with their young *Diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt.* O what a Slur did this caſt on all Human Learning! when a little *Logg Houſe* has produced more *Godly Miniſters* within theſe Ten Years, than both the Univerſities of *Oxon* and *Cambridge*, excepting thoſe of our Brother *Whitefield* and *Weſley*'s Society.——— Mr. *Whitefield* and I gave each of us ſomething towards the Support of this *Seminary*, which may juſtly be called a *School of the Prophets.* I doubt not, if our polite Students were to come and ſee them, they would look on them as a Parcel of *poor Idiots.*—O let us *thank our Heavenly Father that he has hid theſe Things from the Wiſe and Prudent, and has reveal'd them unto Babes; even ſo, Father, for ſo it ſeemed good in thy Sight:*—For *God hath choſen the fooliſh Things of the World to confound the Wiſe, and God hath choſen the weak Things of the World to confound the mighty, and baſe Things of the World, and Things which are deſpiſed, hath God choſen; yea, and Things which are not, to bring to nought Things that are, that no Fleſh ſhould glory in his Preſence.*

Came to *John Bartholomew*'s at *Montgomery*, and were kindly entertain'd.—*The Lord commandeth Perſons every where to provide for us, what Need therefore have we to take Thought for the Morrow, what we ſhall eat or what we ſhall drink*; no, I always find, that if I *ſeek firſt the Kingdom of God and his Righteouſneſs, all other Things*, neceſſary and convenient, *are added unto me.*—Nay more, I find *good Meaſure, preſſed down, and running over, Men are willing to give into our Boſoms*, and that the Lord not only provides *Food*, but ſuch Food as is convenient for us.

Copied ſeveral of Mr. *Whitefield*'s Letters pray'd with thoſe of the Family who ſat up for me, and went to Reſt in the Arms of my *dear Lord Jeſus.*—

April 24. Roſe at five, wrote my *Journal*, and diſpatch'd ſeveral Letters for *Georgia.* Came to *Chriſtopher Wigner*'s

Wigner's Plantation in *Skippack*, where many *Dutch* People are ſettled, and where the famous Mr. *Spalemburg* reſided lately.—It was ſurprizing to ſee ſuch a Multitude of People gathered together in ſuch a Wilderneſs Country, Thirty Miles diſtant from *Philadelphia*.—Nothing but the mighty Power of God could effect this.—Our Brother was exceedingly carried out in his Sermon, to preſs *poor Sinners* to come to *Chriſt* by *Faith*, and claim all their *Priviledges*, viz. not only *Righteouſneſs and Peace*, but *Joy in the Holy Ghoſt:* and after he had done, our dear Friend, *Peter Boehler* preach'd in *Dutch* to thoſe who could not underſtand our Brother in *Engliſh*.—Came to *Henry Anti*'s *Plantation in Frederick Townſhip*, Ten Miles farther in the Country, where was alſo a Multitude equally ſurprizing with that we had in the Morning, and our Brother was equally carried out to preſs *poor Sinners to know God, and Jeſus Chriſt whom God hath ſent.*

There was much melting under both Sermons, but my Heart was too hard, which I was drawn to complain of to my dear *Jeſus*, whoſe *Blood*, and nothing leſs, can ſoften it; and, for ever Bleſſed be his Name, he heard my Prayers, and ſpoke Peace to my troubled Soul.—

At Night I was drawn to ſing and pray with our Brethren in the Fields.

Brother *Whitefield* was very weak in Body, but the *Lord Jehovah* was his Strength, and did indeed *magnify the ſame in his Weakneſs*, for I never heard him ſpeak more clear and powerful.

They were *Germans* where we dined and ſupp'd, and they *pray'd* and *ſung* in *Dutch*, as we did in *Engliſh*, before and after Eating.—O Heavenly Muſick! how ſweet and delightful it is to a New-Born Soul!—

Before our Brother left *Philadelphia*, he was deſired to viſit one who had kept her Bed ſome Days, under a deep Senſe of Sin, from hearing our Brother preach; and in praying with her, and about Twenty others, he was ſo carried beyond himſelf, that the whole Company ſeem'd to be *fill'd with the Holy Ghoſt, and magnified the God of Heaven.*

April 25. Roſe at Three o' Clock, and tho' our Brother *Whitefield* was very weak in Body, yet the Lord enabled him to ride near Fifty Miles, and to preach to about Five Thouſand People at *Amwell*, with the ſame *Power* as uſual; and ſome were melted into Tears.—Mr. *Gilbert Tennant*, Mr. *Rowland*, Mr. *Wales*, and Mr. *Campbell*,

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Four godly Miniſters, met us there, and Mr. *Tennant* came with us to Mr. *Henry*'s at *Redins Town*, where we had ſweet Converſe together, about the Things of *Jeſus Chriſt*.

Sung and Pray'd with Three of our Bretheren in the Fields, when of a ſudden a Stranger accoſted us, and ſeconded our Petitions, praying that our Lord's Promiſes might be fulfill'd in us. Mr. *Tennant* uſed Family Prayer, and after we had lain down to Sleep, we communed together about two Hours, ſo ſweetly, that I grudged the Time of Sleeping. *Haſten the Time, O Lord, when we ſhall have an Eternal Day.*

April 26. Came to *New Brunſwick*, and had much Diſcourſe by the Way, *concerning the Kingdom of our dear Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

Mr. *Whitefield* preached in the Street, before Mr. *Tennant*'s Meeting, to about three Thouſand People, inviting *weary and heavy laden Sinners* to come to *Chriſt*, for none but ſuch can or will come to him.—'Tis remarkable our Lord cured none but ſuch *Sick and Deſeaſed* Perſons as came to him, and none that came to him were turn'd away. And ſo it is now; our Lord heals none but ſuch as *feel* themſelves ſick of their *Original* and *Actual* Sins, and apply to *Jeſus Chriſt*, by Faith, for Delivery from the Guilt and Power of them.

Pray'd with one who, from Mr. *Whitefield*'s firſt preaching, found her ſelf a *Fooliſh* Virgin.—Bleſſed be *God*, I believe ſhe is now a *Wiſe* One.—*O what a Luſtre and Sweetneſs does Chriſtianity put upon the Perſons of thoſe who are ſo happy as to receive and embrace it!*—Met Mr. *Noble* from *New York*, *a zealous Promoter of our Lord*'s *Kingdom*, and was much refreſh'd with ſome Letters we received from *Savannah*, as alſo with the many Accounts he gave us of *the ſpreading of the Goſpel* ſince we were here in *November*. He ſaid, their *Society* was increas'd at *New York* from Seventy to One Hundred and Seventy, and was daily increaſing, and that Meſſieurs *Gilbert* and *William Tennants*, Mr. *Rowland*, and ſeveral others, were hard Labourers in our Lord's Vineyard. *Surely the Lord is carrying on a great Work upon the Earth. O that every one who is wiſe to obſerve the Signs of the Times, could diſcern this Time, and this Hour of their Viſitation!*—But alas! the World is as full of Fools, and of Blind, as it was when *Jeſus Chriſt* came upon the Earth; and if they could not, or would not

not ſee the Signs of thoſe Times, how ſhould they ſee the Signs of theſe Times? The ſame *Blindneſs* and *Obſtinacy* which poſſeſſed the *unbelieving Jews*, and made them perſecute the *Lord of Glory*, will alſo make the *Scribes and Phariſees of this Generation*, (I mean the Learned Rabbies of the Church of *England*) perſecute the Preachers and Followers of our Bleſſed Lord in theſe laſt Days: For, ſays *Chriſt*, if they have perſecuted me, they will alſo perſecute you; if they call the Maſter of the Houſe *Beelzebub*, how much more thoſe of his Houſhold?

Brother *Whitefield* retired early in much Weakneſs and inward Conflicts; and the Thoughts of parting with ſo dear a Companion and Friend moved me into *ſtrong Cryings and Tears*, and nothing but a full Perſuaſion that it is the Will of GOD, can ſupport me.—I could think of nothing but CHRIST's parting from his Diſciples, and his telling them, *It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will ſend him unto you*; and JESUS CHRIST was not worſe than his Word. Perhaps they had too great a Dependance on his Bodily Preſence, and therefore did not make that Progreſs they ought under his Miniſtry.—O that the *Comforter* may be ſent unto me, as it was unto them, then ſhall I rejoice with exceeding great Joy.—O that the Lord may *try* me and *purify* me in my *Voyage*, for I am aſhamed to return to *England* more a *Weakling* in Grace than I came out; and I *fear and tremble* much, leſt our dear Lord's Intereſt ſhould ſuffer by my *Imprudences*, or too forward *Zeal*, on the one Hand, or by my *Timidity* and *Lukewarmneſs* on the other.—Behold, we go forth as *Lambs in the midſt of Wolves:* How much therefore does it behove us to be *Wiſe as Serpents, and harmleſs as Doves?*—I believe I ſhall have many Prayers for this End, and ſo long as I know and *feel* the Communion of ſo many bleſſed *Saints*; and above all, ſo long as I know my *Saviour is making Interceſſion for me*, I cannot fail: No, I ſhall then go on in the Strength of the Great GOD from Day to Day, 'till I have fulfilled my Race, and *finiſhed the Work that is given me to do.*

Lay at Mr. *Tennant*'s with dear Mr. *Noble*, and Brother *Clapham*.—Mr. *Tennant*, after a ſhort Exhortation, read a Chapter, ſung a Pſalm, and then pray'd in the Family with great Enlargement. O how different are the *Breathings of a holy Soul* from that Lifeleſs dead Prayer which proceeds from an unſanctified Heart! Whether it be by a *formal* or

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an *extempore* Prayer, *either* are acceptable when the *Heart* is *pure*; but both are *Abomination*, and will not be heard while *Iniquity is regarded in the Heart.* 'Tis *Sin* keeps us from *Communion with GOD*, and is the Cauſe not only that *unregenerate* Men live *without GOD in the World*, but alſo of all the *Darkneſs*, *Deadneſs*, *and Numbneſs of the Children of GOD.* The Bleſſed JESUS in Mercy often hides his loving Countenance from us, that we may thereby ſee the deadly Nature of Sin, which he hates, and will puniſh in *Saints* as well as in *Reprobates*, with this Difference, that the former are the Puniſhments of a tender Father, the latter of an angry Judge.—*O that we may therefore hate Sin, and flee from it, as from the Face of a Serpent*; for tho' a Child of GOD is ſure of Pardon, yet will it coſt him many a bitter *Sigh* and *Groan*, as well as many a *Scourge* and *temporal* Trouble; witneſs *David*, and the Experience of all *Saints.*

April 27. Wrote Letters to *New York.*—Brother *Whitefield* preached on *Zaccheus* to about Seven Thouſand People, under a Tent in the Field, and we collected Morning and Evening 42*l.* 10*s.* Currency, which is about 25*l.* Sterling.

In the Afternoon, Mr. *Tennant* preached firſt out of the firſt Chapter of the Prophet *Zachary*; *I will ſearch Jeruſalem with Candles, and puniſh them that are ſettled on their Lees.*—Then Mr. *Whitefield* ſhew'd *the Kingdom of GOD was not Meats and Drinks, but Righteouſneſs and Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghoſt.*—Mr. *Tennant* endeavour'd earneſtly to *perſwade Men by the Terrors of the Lord*, and Mr. *Whitefield* chiefly by the Love of the Lord JESUS CHRIST, which melted down me, and many others, into moſt ſweet Tears of Joy; but 'tis all free and ſovereign Grace; for unleſs the Lord had accompanied the Word with his Divine *Power*, I ſhould have gone away *unconcern'd*, as doubtleſs many did, and as I often do.—Surely we muſt by Nature be much worſe than *Beaſts* and *Devils*, for the former fear our *Whips*, and the latter tremble at the Threats of Almighty Vengeance, but *wretched Man* ſhall hear the moſt *awful Truths*, without the leaſt ſaving *Impreſſion upon his Heart:* Happier for ſuch Men, if they had been born in *Sodom*, *Tyre*, or *Turkey.* *O how will they eſcape, if they neglect this loud and loving Call.* Wrote Paragraphs for the News, of our Brother's Preaching, &c. particularly the following, to be publiſhed in *New York.*

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" We hear from *Philadelphia*, that ſince Mr. *Whitefield*'s " Preaching there, the Dancing-School and Concert-Room " have been ſhut up, as inconſiſtent with the Doctrines of " the Goſpel, at which the Gentlemen engaged in them " were ſo enraged, that they broke open the Door; but 'tis " hoped, when their Paſſions are cool, they will be con- " vinced of their Error, and will be aſhamed to uphold ſuch " Entertainments, which are as *hateful* in the Sight of GOD, " and do as effectually *ſupport the Kingdom of Satan as any* " *of the Heathen Idolatries*; and 'tis the more extraordinary " that ſuch *Deviliſh Diverſions* ſhould be ſupported in *that* " *City* by ſome of *that very Sect*, whoſe *firſt Principles* are " an *utter Deteſtation* of them; as appears from the Writ- " ings of the late *famous Mr. William Penn*, Proprietor of " that *Province*, who we are inform'd in his Book call'd, " *No Croſs no Crown*, ſays, *Every Step in a Dance is a Step* " *to Hell.*"

Lay at Mr. *Tennant*'s, with whom I had ſweet Converſe about the free Grace of GOD in JESUS CHRIST, and my Soul was fed with his Heavenly Experience: *We were of one Heart and of one Mind, aſcribing the Glory of our Salvation intirely to the ſovereign Good-will and Pleaſure of* GOD.

April 28. After Prayer, and commending our ſelves to GOD, had a moſt affectionate parting with our dear Brother *Whitefield*, and our other Brethren. We fell upon each others Necks, and embraced each other, and wiſh'd for that happy Time when we ſhall never part more; but we muſt firſt finiſh the Work given us to do, and then we may with Comfort ſay, *Father, into thy Hands I commend my Spirit.*

Came to *Princes Town*, Eighteen Miles, and had ſweet Communion with Brother *G*— by the Way. Pray'd and ſung with him, and related ſome of my Experiences, ſo that methought the Way ſeem'd as Nothing, dined with Mr. B—, for ſome time a Follower of Mr. *Whitefield*, but ſadly fallen away, ſo that he oppoſed the plain Doctrine of the Goſpel.—Well may we ſay, *Many are called, but few are choſen*, for many are already *offended*, and how many more will be *offended*, as the Word prevails, and the *Power* of Religion increaſes.—*Lord, grant I may not be of the Number of thoſe who fall back into Perdition, but of them that believe to the ſaving of the Soul.*

Came to *New Town*, where we met Juſtice *Jones*, who conducted us to his Houſe, and receiv'd us gladly. We

had Family Prayer, and talk'd of ſuch Things as concern'd the *Kingdom of* JESUS CHRIST. I truſt GOD hath given us a Taſte of his Love to Day, as an Earneſt of future Bleſſings, and that *he will be with us of a Truth.*——*Even ſo Lord* JESUS. *Amen.*

Made Interceſſion, and praiſed GOD for the Mercies of the Day, and laid me down to Reſt in the Arms of the *dear Lord* JESUS.

April 29. Roſe at Five. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—. Mr. *Jones*, both at *Breakfaſt* and *Supper* pray'd in a very edifying Manner, and came with us part of the Way, which was exceeding pleaſant.—Surely GOD has been peculiarly favourable to this Land, which *flows with Milk and Honey.* Peace and Plenty reigns in every Part. It much exceeds moſt Part of *England*, for Wheat, which is the Staff of Life, and is at 1*s.* 9*d.* Sterling *per* Buſhel. There is ſcarce ſuch a Thing as a poor Man to be ſeen: And tho' the Cold is intenſe in Winter, and the Heat in Summer, yet the former is not ſo piercing as at *Boſton*, nor the latter ſo ſultry as at *Georgia*, or *Carolina*, and to recompenſe theſe Extremities, the Air is generally clear, ſo that I believe 'tis as healthy in general as *England.* Above all, here is great Liberty of Conſcience, and I believe the *Power of Godlineſs* never prevail'd more with leſs *Perſecution*, tho' doubtleſs the *Seed of the Serpent* will perſecute the *Seed of the Woman* in all Places; at preſent I hear of little more than that of the *Tongue.* Some among the Presbyterians have been ſuſpended Ordinances for following the pure Goſpel of our Lord, and leaving thoſe *Carnal Miniſters*, who preach without *Power* or *Authority.*

Came to our dear and moſt kind Friend Mr. *Benezet*'s; diſpatch'd ſundry Affairs, in order proceed on our Voyage. Wrote and examin'd ſundry Things for the Preſs; particularly Mr. *Whitefield* Letter, containing a brief Account of the *Work of* GOD *in America*, and of the Reaſons of my Voyage, *viz.* to bring over a Miniſter, to take Care of the *Orphan-Houſe* in his Abſence, and to collect Subſcriptions for the *Negroe* School, *&c.*

April 30. Agreed with the Captain for our Paſſage, and Uſe of the *Cabbin.* Mention'd my Deſign of uſing daily Publick Prayers in the Ship, with the Captain's Leave, which was not only granted, but the Captain's *Father* order'd his *Son* to give me all the Aſſiſtance he could, by *ordering* the *Sailors* to attend, and ſaid I might read Sermons,

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or expound the Scripture, if I pleaſed, and deſired his Son would hearken to my Inſtruction. I told him my Books ſhould any of them be at his Service, and ſhould rejoice if my poor Endeavours might be any Means, under GOD, of doing the leaſt Good either to him or others. *O that I may be taught of God how to behave myſelf; and for that End, may I be earneſt at the Throne of Grace for Direction and Strength in every Step. O what a weak Worm am I to teach others, when I know Nothing yet* myſelf, *as I ought to know; but when I am weak, then am I ſtrong.* Surely never was ſo weak a Wretch ſent on ſuch an important Errand: O that I may not betray my Maſter's Cauſe by *Timidity or Lukewarmneſs*, or bring an evil Report upon it by my *Imprudent Zeal for his Glory.* Methinks I would ſuffer any Contempt myſelf, ſo that my Maſter's Honour may be advanced.

One Mr. *White*, a good old Man, and a Baptiſt Teacher, being deſirous to go with me to *England*, I obtain'd Leave for him to meſs with us in the *Cabbin*, and I agreed to pay his Share of the Stock laid in.—Moreover, the Captain order'd it ſo, that he might lye in the *Cabbin*, to oblige me, and that I ſhould have the State-Room for my own Uſe, and that my Cheſt ſhould ſtand by me.—Thus hath the Lord prevented my warmeſt Expectations by his *Temporal* and *Spiritual* Proviſion; O that I may make due Improvements of them.

Viſited Mrs. *Bolton*, and pray'd with her.—Pray'd with ſome Friends of Mr. *Whitefield*, who deſired my Company. Waited on the *P*——, and met the *G*———, and we talk'd much of our Brother *Whitefield*, and his Doctrine, but *the Natural Man receiveth not the Things of the Spirit of God.* I related ſome Account of my Converſion, which ſeem'd to affect them. Could I have reaſon'd as well as St. *Paul*, *on Righteouſneſs, Temperance, and a Judgment to come*, I ſhould probably have made them *tremble.*—Like all other wiſe Men of this World, they wanted to know what would become of the *Heathen*; I anſwer'd *God is no Reſpecter of Perſons, but in every Nation he that feareth* GOD, *and worketh Righteouſneſs, is accepted with Him.*—This they agreed to; but then when I came to tell them that GOD would *pour out his Indignation upon the Heathen*, even upon every one *that doth not call upon his Name*; and that all the old World were damned, except *Noah*, and part of his Family; then they began to ar-

raign the Juſtice and Goodneſs of GOD, as if in that Caſe he had made many Millions of Souls to be damned. Alas! theſe Men will ſet their carnal Reaſon againſt the Wiſdom and Sovereignty of the moſt high GOD: *Has not the Potter Power over the Clay, to make one Veſſel to Honour, and another to Diſhonour?* Beſides, if 'tis juſt with GOD to damn the Devils, or any one Sinner amongſt Men, 'tis equally juſt with Him to damn Millions of Sinners.—And how will theſe Men wiſh they had been born in *China* or *Turkey*, when at the great Day of Judgment they will find it more tolerable for thoſe Nations, than for them.

Let all the Followers of CHRIST learn to ſay, *We thank thee, Holy Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou haſt hid theſe Things from the Wiſe and Prudent, and haſt reveal'd them unto Babes; even ſo, Father, for ſo it ſeemeth good in thy Sight.* Went to the Presbyterian Meeting, and was much refreſh'd with the Prayers and Pſalms; but I thought the Preacher not ſo clear as he ſhould have been about *Faith* and *good Works*, he ſaid, the *former*, if true, muſt always be *accompanied* with the Latter.—I did not like the *Term*, becauſe it may be taken in a bad Senſe; for Good Works muſt *follow after*, and not *accompany* our *Faith*.—He took much Pains to preſs *good Works* as well as *Faith*: Now if we can once plant a *true*, *ſaving Faith* in the Soul, we are ſure it will produce Good Works: But we may as well expect *Fruit* without *Planting*, or to *Reap* without *Sowing*; as good Works without a Principle (implanted in the Soul by the mighty Power of God) to produce them.

Sup'd at Mrs. *Read*'s, a gracious Woman, and we had ſweet Communication about the Things of our ſweeteſt Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—; wrote my *Journal*, pray'd, and interceded for Self and Friends, and went to Reſt *in* the Boſom of CHRIST.

May 1. Roſe early, ſung, and pray'd with Brother *G*—.—Paid Mr. *Allen* 2200*l.* for Five Thouſand Acres of Land, on the Forks of *Delaware*. Left the Writings in Mr. *Benezet*'s Hands. Wrote to Brother *Whitefield*, and when I was concluding, felt an inexpreſſible Love for him; and the Thoughts of taking my Leave for ſo long a Seaſon, by Letter, as well as in Perſon, was ready to break my Heart, which vented itſelf in a Flood of Tears, ſo that I could write no more, till the Poſt was near going.

While my Heart was thus ſoftened, I could have no Reſt till

till I had open'd all that was in it to my Brother *G*—, and told him how busy *Satan* had been with me to make me entertain Prejudices against him.—O may we never be *ignorant of his Devices*, but *resist him, stedfast in the Faith*, and thereby *quench all his fiery Darts*, and gain Ground by every Step he takes to overset us, and thereby be *more than Conquerors thro' him who hath loved us.*

Visited Mrs. *Bolton*, and paid her 15*l.* Currency, and gave her an Order to receive the like Sum of our dear Friend and Brother *Benezet* every *Michaelmas* and *Lady-Day*. After this the Lord enabled me to pray, and to give a warm Exhortation to the Family to repent, and turn from dead Works to serve the Ever-living GOD.—Neither the Gentlemen of the *Assembly* or *Concert* have met this Week, so that I hope we have taken *Satan*'s *strongest Hold in this City*. While others are fighting against the *Spaniards*, if we can batter down the *Kingdom of Darkness*, and carry on the War between *Michael* and the *Dragon*, we shall reap Infinite Spoils.——

Went to write, but was restrain'd, and cast down for half an Hour before the Lord, and was unable to utter what was in my Heart, otherwise than by deep *Sighs* and *Groans*. After this *Storm* in my Breast, succeeded a sweet *Peace*, and unspeakable *Joy in the Holy Ghost*.—So that now I was as unable to express my *Joy*, as I was before unable to express my *Grief*. However, I wanted some of my dear Brethren to partake of it.—And I got between my dear Friend *Benezet* and Brother *Grant*, and sat up with them some Hours; and after Prayer, and singing Praises to GOD for what he had done for our Souls, we retired to Rest, wishing for the Time when we shall part no more for ever.

May 23. Wrote Letters to my dear Friends at *Savannah*; dispatch'd sundry Affairs to prepare for our Voyage; took Leave of several Friends; were visited by the Reverend Mr. *Morgan*, a faithful Minister of our dear Lord, who put it into my Heart to propose his Preaching in the Evening, which he did accordingly, to the great Comfort and Edification of many Souls; he sweetly applied the *Righteousness of CHRIST*, and rightly divided the *Word of Truth*: His Discourse plainly shew'd there was *Life in the Heart, from whence it flow'd*.—Many People stood without the Door, tho' the Preacher was but little known, and very short Notice was given of the *Meeting*, which was indeed a *precious one*, and shews the Lord is *working* a great *Work* in this

this City, and he will ſurely provide *Paſtors* who will *go in and out before the Flock*, and *feed them with the ſincere Milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby*.

Had Power given me in Prayer with ſome Friends I went to take my Leave of.

Call'd at Mr. *Franklin*'s the Printer's, and met Mr. *P*— and ſeveral other Gentlemen of the *Aſſembly*, who accoſted me very *roughly*, concerning a *Paragraph* I had put in the Papers, alledging it to be falſe. The Lord gave me great Sweetneſs and Calmneſs of Temper to anſwer their *Reproaches*.—I told them I was once as fond of *Balls* and *Aſſemblies* as they could be, and I pray'd the Lord to convince them of their Error, as he had done me of mine.

Mr. *P*—— the chief Speaker, was the Perſon who oppoſed Mr. *Whitefield* in the Pulpit, and was formerly a Clergyman, but caſt off the Gown for a Secular Employment.—I told him, if he could prove that JESUS CHRIST, or his *Apoſtles*, or the *Primitive Chriſtians*, approved of theſe Diverſions, I would yield up the Point; but as they could not pretend to do that, I did inſiſt they were as *odious in the Sight of GOD*, and did as effectually promote *the Kingdom of Satan*, as any of the Heathen Idolatries.

They much inſiſted that my Paragraph inſinuated as if the Gentlemen were convicted of their Error by Mr. *Whitefield*'s preaching, which they abhorr'd.—I told them, I thought no one would conſtrue it ſo; but if they did, it was an Honour to them, for that I myſelf was formerly as fond of them as they could be, but, bleſſed be the Lord, that I was convinced to the contrary.—Poor Men, tho' they boil'd with Rage when I came to talk to them of the *Truth as 'tis in JESUS*, they retired One by One, and left me alone, excepting One Gentleman, who ſeem'd a little cooler than the reſt.

Went to an *Organiſt* who loves our Lord JESUS CHRIST, heard him ſing an Anthem, and join'd with him in a Pſalm; after which, he pray'd for our ſafe Paſſage, *&c.*

Sung and Pray'd with our dear Friend *Benezet* and Family, and the Lord was pleaſed to aſſiſt me.

May 3. Roſe at Three o' Clock; pray'd again with our dear Friend *Benezet* and Family, and was melted laſt Night and this Morning at the Thoughts of parting.

Came on board the Pilot Boat with two of my Brethren, and we had Freedom to open our Hearts, and confeſs our Faults one to another, and to pray for each other.—Surely the

the Lord is with us, and will bring us to himſelf, for indeed I was *weary and heavy laden with the Burden of my Sins*, but the Lord JESUS CHRIST gave me Reſt and Freedom; for ever praiſed and adored be his Holy Name.

Came on board the *George*, Capt. *Bell*, Junior, and the Lord, in Anſwer to my earneſt Prayers, was indeed with us all the Day long; for we had Singing, and Prayer, and ſweet Converſation with an old Servant of JESUS CHRIST, who goes over with us in the Ship.—He is deep in *the Doctrine of GOD's Sovereignty, and Everlaſting Love to his Elect*, and ſays, 'till Mr. *Whitefield* came, he had not heard the pure unmixed Goſpel of JESUS CHRIST for many Years. He has been over Twenty Six Years, and in all that Time he had met with only Two or Three Miniſters who had *preached the Truth as it is in JESUS, in the Life and Power of it.*

O what *Halcyon* Days are we born in, when the Things which have been *kept* as it were *ſecret* for many Years, are now *revealed* unto us, and *Miniſters* ſent forth to preach the ſame in *the Highways and Hedges, and to compel poor Sinners to come in.*

The Lord opened a Door for Publick Prayers, which was agreed to be at Seven in the Morning, and Eight at Night. O that the Lord may attend his own *Word* with *Power*, to the *Conviction* and *Converſion* of all that ſhall hear it.

Sunday, *May* 4. Sung and Pray'd with our dear Friends that came down with us, and I was more than ordinary ſupplied with the ſweet Influences of the Holy Spirit.—*A Spirit of Grace as well as Supplication* was given me.—*Glory be to our dear Lord for the ſame.*

Went on Shore to *Newcaſtle*; wrote Letters to Mr. *Tennant*, and other Friends, to give Notice of a Collection at *Whitely Creek*; wrote my laſt Letter to dear Mr. *Whitefield*, and felt my Heart ready to break at the Thoughts of loſing his Company and Correſpondence for ſo long a Seaſon. —O if the parting from a Friend be ſo bitter, what Agonies muſt that Soul feel who is deprived of the Sight and Communion of the *ever Bleſſed JESUS, the Fountain of Life and Happineſs?* If the Abſence of our Lord be to every Believer, tho' but for a Moment, as Hell itſelf, what a Hell muſt it be to be deprived of him forever?

We went to Publick Service, and the Goſpel for the Day * was exceeding applicable to our Circumſtances, and com-

* The Fourth *Sunday* after *Eaſter*.

comforted our Hearts, assuring ourselves that GOD would visit us with the plentiful *Effusions* of the *Holy Ghost*; and also that it was *expedient* for us to part with our dear Brother for a Season, that we might learn to depend only upon GOD, and not too much on the Instrument.—The Minister has hitherto been our Friend, and preached more of the Truth than I have heard any of his *unconverted* Brethren: He seems to *see Men, as Trees, walking*. O that he may *see all Things clearly*.

Sung and pray'd with our dear dear Friends several Times before we parted, both on Shore and in the Boat, and felt an inexpressible Love for Brother *Grant*, and the same for Brother *Benezet* and his Family, when I pray'd for them.—I am sure these are Earnests of *Everlasting Love:* Can GOD separate those forever who love each other so ardently for his Sake here?—*Carnal* Love is broken as often as the rotten Foundation on which it is built fails, but *Spiritual* Love being founded on the *Rock of Ages* CHRIST JESUS, on GOD's *Eternal Love to his Son, and for his* Sake, to the Elect bearing his Image, can never fail, but must be increasing to all Eternity.

Methinks I have such a Sense of CHRIST's Love on my Heart at writing of this, that if the Lord should make it my Duty, I could I trust, thro' his Assistance, for the Brethren's Sake, leap into a burning fiery Furnace, without Fear of the Flames, which would serve as a fiery Chariot to carry my Soul to GOD.

Came on board, and read Evening Prayers. One of our Company is a great Reasoner against the *Decrees* of GOD, *Justification by Faith alone*, and other fundamental Articles of our Holy Religion: And the Lessons, both Yesterday and to Day, being *Romans* ii. and iii. were so exceeding applicable to our Dispute, that my Arguments were superseded, and I might say, *Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my GOD.*—Agreeable to this was the Way whereby the Lord *open'd the Door* for reading his Holy Word; for upon warmly disputing on these Things the first Night, the Lord put it into my Heart to say, *Let us go to Prayers, and let us hear what GOD shall say in his Holy Word, and let that decide our Dispute*; and the *Lessons* being unknown to me, exceedingly comforted my Heart, as did the *Gospel* beforementioned, which was likewise unknown to me, tho' the Substance of it was on my Heart all the Week. *O the Heighth, and Depth, and Breadth and Length of the Love of CHRIST, which passeth Knowledge.*

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Let us then *believe* and *adore* his Ways, which are paſt finding out, and yet, when *reveal'd*, yield to every *Believer* unſpeakable *Joy*; a *Joy* which the World can neither give or take away.—Methinks I *feel* myſelf ſo reſign'd to the Will of GOD, that I could rejoice were the *Spaniards* now ſurrounding of us; *tho' I were in the Valley and Shadow of Death, yet would I fear no Evil.*

Sung and Pray'd with Brother *G*—— ; open'd our Hearts to each other, and agreed to do the ſame every Evening at Five, and I truſt the *Blood of CHRIST* will by that Means be applied to *heal* all the *Diſeaſes* of our *Sin-ſick* Souls. I perceive the *Work of GOD* can no more go on in our Souls, than it can in a *City*, without ſtrong Oppoſition from *Satan*, who is never let looſe upon us but for our Good.—Tho' *Job* was a perfect and upright Man before his Afflictions, yet I am ſure he never enjoy'd ſuch ſweet Communion with GOD before, as he did after. 'Twas under his Afflictions that he could ſay, *I know that my Redeemer liveth*; and himſelf ſays, *He had only before heard of GOD by the Hearing of the Ear, but then his Eye ſaw him.*—In ſhort, *Job*, before his Afflictions, was under the Spirit of Bondage; but 'till his Trials he never felt himſelf a loſt undone *damned* Sinner; 'till then, *his own Righteouſneſs* was, in ſome Sort, pleaſing to him, but now he counts it as *filthy Rags*, and *abhors himſelf in Duſt and Aſhes*. See *Job* xlii. 5, 6.—— Thus *Cornelius*, one would think, had no Need of *Converſion*, when 'tis ſaid *he was a devout Man, and one that feared GOD, with all his Houſe, which gave much Alms to the People, and pray'd to GOD alway*; and yet we find he had not received the *Holy Ghoſt* to convince him of *Unbelief*; that he was loſt and undone without *Faith in JESUS CHRIST*; and if ſuch Men as *Job* and *Cornelius* could not have been ſaved by that *Righteouſneſs* which they had before the Spirit of GOD came to convince them of their *damnable Condition by Nature*, Good GOD! What will become of thoſe who extol the *Dignity of Man*, and cry up *Natural Religion*, and plead for *Juſtification by Works*, when they are as far from doing the Works which *Cornelius* and *Job* did (even before the Deſcent of the *Holy Ghoſt* upon the one, or the *Afflictions* of the other) as Light is from Darkneſs, Heaven from Hell.

Pray'd and interceded for Self and Friends, and went to Reſt in the beloved Arms of my dear JESUS.

Monday, May 5. Read publick Prayers.—Wrote my *Journal*, and was ſo fill'd with the Spirit in the writing of it, that I was carried beyond myſelf, and had ſuch Things *revealed* to me as I never had before.—O what am I, poor *vile Worm*, to be thus *highly favoured?* I muſt expect a *Thorn in the Fleſh, to humble me, leſt I ſhould be puffed up above Meaſure, and think of myſelf more highly than I ought to think.* O that I may always be *vile in my own Eyes, and abhor myſelf in Duſt and Aſhes*, and lay all my Salvation at the Foot of Free Grace, *through the Redemption that is in JESUS CHRIST.*

I was this Day comforted for the Abſence of Brother *Whitefield*, by this Text, *A little while and ye ſhall not ſee me, and again, a little while and ye ſhall ſee me.*

Read Part of the Book of *Job*, and am the more confirm'd in the Truth of what GOD *reveal'd* to me as above; for 'tis plain, before *Job*'s Afflictions he was *righteous in his own Eyes*, and juſtified himſelf rather than GOD, as we may ſee, *Job* xxxii. 1, 2. When GOD *put forth his Hand, and touched all that he had*, then *Job* was made to ſee that he was to ſacrifice all he had to GOD, Reputation, Goods, and even Life itſelf: Before this, doubtleſs, *Job* had ſome Truſt in the *Multitude of his Riches*, which he thought GOD had beſtowed on him for his Righteouſneſs ſake, *Job* xxxvi. and xix. but now he *counts all his former Righteouſneſs and Privileges, as Dung and Droſs*, and ſays, *I am vile*, and lays his Hand on his Mouth, *Job* xl. 3, 4. He is now willing to be ſaved in *GOD's own Way*, to accept Salvation as GOD's *Free Gift*, without Regard to any of his *Works paſt, preſent, or to come*; and yet do we think *Job* was leſs fruitful in *good Works* after than before his Affliction, GOD forbid,—No!—the Difference was, that whereas before they flow'd from a Principle rather of *Fear* than *Love*, now they flow'd rather from a Principle of *Love and Gratitude* than of *Fear, which was caſt out by Love.* O how can we do enough to expreſs our Gratitude for what GOD has done for our Souls!

As I noted in the Morning, the Trial came on this Evening.—GOD only knows the inexpreſſible Load which lay at my Heart; and while I was ſighing out my Complaint, and could not ſpeak a Word, the Lord ſet before me the Caſe of *Abraham* and *Lot*; which when I referr'd to, I found ſo exactly anſwer'd my Circumſtances, that it greatly refreſhed my Soul.

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The Three Captains being gone on Shore to buy Stock, and ſtaying late, I read Prayers to about Ten of the Ship's Company, and the Lord aſſiſted me to expound the ſecond Leſſon to them. O that any Word might touch their Hearts.

Before I could go to Reſt, was exerciſed again with ſore *Conflicts* before the Lord, *I pour'd out my Complaints before him, and ſhew'd him of my Trouble; I watered my Couch with my Tears, and I roar'd for the Diſquietneſs of my Heart*; 'till at length the Lord gave me Reſt.

May 6. Roſe between Four and Five, and offered my Supplications again before the Lord; and after Prayers I ſhew'd my Brother *G*—— the Paſſage of *Abraham* and *Lot*, and how the Lord had applied it to my Heart; and I truſt it will be of Service to both. *Known unto GOD are all his Works; let GOD be true, and every Man a Liar.* GOD forbid I ſhould ever *charge the LORD fooliſhly:* Bleſſed be his Name, I have diſcovered ſome of *Satan's Devices*, and perceive now that he has often turn'd himſelf into *an Angel of Light*, made me think Brother *Whitefield*'s *Zeal* was not ſo great as my own, and therefore kept me on the Reſerve to him,— whereas, in Truth, he only fear'd I ſhould do Hurt by my *Impetuoſity*.—However, the Lord turn'd every Thing for Good, as he did *Jacob's getting the Bleſſing, tho' by ill Means.*

The Lord was pleaſed to try me farther, bleſſed be his Name, and I had *Sweetneſs of Spirit* given me. After Prayers I was aſſiſted to give an Exhortation to the Men, *&c.* againſt Swearing.—*Thus is the LORD fulfilling my Prayers, by making a Way in the Ship for doing Good.*

May 7. Roſe early, and after Publick Prayers, the Lord aſſiſted me to expound the ſecond Leſſon. Bleſſed be his Name. *O that I may ſet my Face as a Flint, and my Brow as Adamant, and ſpeak with all Boldneſs what the LORD GOD ſhall ſay unto me.*

Eat no Dinner, but was exerciſed with ſtrong *inward Trials*, ſuch as I never *felt* before.—Now I could feelingly uſe much of the Twenty ſecond Pſalm, and ſay, *Many Oxen are come about me, fat Bulls of Baſhan cloſe me in on every Side.* I could not pray for any of my Friends, being *violently aſſaulted with Temptations, and Satan darting in ſuch horrid Thoughts, that had I been told of them before,* I ſhould have ſaid, *Am I a Dog that I ſhould think thus and thus?* I now find by Experience many Things true, which I only before

had from the Report of others. *Satan* has not yet tempted me to *worſhip him*, but as I find the *Head* and other *Members* have been thus tempted, I expect the like, but I fear it not, becauſe *Chriſt has already conquer'd with the Sword of the Spirit*, even with this Word of GOD, *Thou ſhalt worſhip the LORD thy GOD, and him only ſhalt thou ſerve*, His Temptations were levell'd at my Brother G——, to make me entertain hard Thoughts of him, but the Lord aſſiſted me to reſiſt and fight the old Dragon by this, and many other Texts, *Let Brotherly Love continue:* However, it was ſo grievous for the Time, that there ſeemed a *Cloud of Evil Spirits hovering round me*, and brought my Soul to the *Depth of Hell* nor could I ſee any Deliverance for ſeveral Hours; at length I call'd for my Brother G——, told him all the Truth, and begg'd him to pray for me.—I now *felt* ſomething of what I believe the *Publican felt*, when he ſaid, *GOD be merciful to me a Sinner*, and I was drawn out into *ſtrong Cryings and Tears*. When the *Agony* was over, I could feelingly ſay or ſing the following Hymn.

I.

With Joy we meditate the Grace
Of our High-Prieſt above,
His Heart is made of Tenderneſs,
His Bowels melt with Love.

II.

Touch'd with a Sympathy within,
He knows our feeble Frame;
He knows what ſore Temptations mean,
For He has felt the ſame.

III.

He in the Days of feeble Fleſh,
Pour'd out his Cries and Tears,
And in his Meaſure feels afreſh
What every Member bears.

IV.

He'll never quench the ſmoaking Flax,
But raiſe it to a Flame;
The bruiſed Reed he never breaks,
Nor ſcorns the meaneſt Name.

V. *Then*

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Then let our humble Faith addreſs
His Mercy, and his Power,
We ſhall obtain delivering Grace
In the diſtreſſing Hour.

In the Evening found my Soul ſomewhat compoſed.—Read Prayers, but none of the Ship's Crew attending, did not expound. Sung with Brother *G*——, and went to Reſt, aſſuredly gathering that the Lord would ſet me free, when the Work was done for which my Trial was ſent, *viz. to humble me, and prove me, that he may do me Good at my latter End.*—The Lord grant I may never *ſpeak Peace to my Soul when there's no Peace*, but let my *dear JESUS* ſpeak *Peace*, and there ſhall be a *great Calm.*

May 8. Roſe early; read Prayers; wrote Letters to ſend by the Pilot to my dear Friends at *Philadelphia*, Mr. *Whitefield*, &c. then laid me down, and felt a ſpringing Love for my Brother *G*——. O my JESUS, I beſeech thee ſhed thy Love abroad in my Heart; by thy Help I will not reſt till I *feel* I could even die for my Brother, to do him Good. What, ſhall I love and pray for my Enemies, and ſhall I not do the ſame for my Friends and Brethren? It pierces my Soul to think I ſhould bear the leaſt Grudge againſt any one. *How can I commit ſuch great Wickedneſs and Sin againſt GOD?* Read Evening Prayers; after which, had ſweet Converſation with Mr. *White.*—Reflected much on the Goodneſs of GOD to us, in giving us all Conveniencies; *fine Weather*, *find Wind*; the *Cabbin* moſt of the Day to ourſelves; the State Room to retire in; and above all, in ſuffering us to diſcourſe in Love on the Things of GOD, without offending the two Captains that Meſs with us, whom we labour to convince; but *the Natural Man receiveth not the Things of the Spirit of GOD.*—'Tis plain, the *Law of Nature* is to be *juſtified by Good Works*; and what is worſt of all, produces nothing but *ſtinking Weeds.* Out of their own Mouths therefore will all Natural Men be condemn'd, as the ſlothful Servant was, for having nothing to produce but their *own Righteouſneſs*, that will appear ſuch *filthy Rags* as a Juſt and Holy GOD cannot away with.

Be Living Faith my coſtly Dreſs,
And my beſt Robe Thy Righteouſneſs.

Sung

Sung with Brother *G*——; wrote my *Journal*; was much in Interceſſion, even till Two in the Morning.—Now I could ſay with *David*, *I cry in the Day Time, and in the Night Seaſon alſo I take no Reſt*; but, bleſſed be GOD, this he hath done for my Soul, *I called unto him with my Mouth, and he heard me, and I have given him Praiſes with my Tongue.* But this I find, *if I incline unto Wickedneſs with mine Heart, the Lord will not hear me*; *but GOD hath now heard me, and conſider'd the Voice of my Prayer. Praiſed be GOD, who hath not caſt out my Prayer, nor turned his Mercy from me.*

Lat. 38-11. Long. 3-14. *Friday, May* 9. Roſe early; read Prayers; was much in Interceſſion, even till near Mid-Day. Wrote my dear Friend *Whitefield*'s Letter over for the Preſs. Slept three Hours in the Afternoon in the Arms of my beloved *JESUS.*—Read Evening Prayer; diſputed much with our fine Reaſoner, who appeals to Scripture, and ſays he believes the Scriptures; but when we come to argue on thoſe plain Texts which need no Comment, but *he that runs may read*, he then flies off, as all Natural Men do; and pleads the Mercy of GOD in Contradiction to his Truth and Juſtice; which ſhews who is *their Father*, becauſe they believe him, and uſe his Arguments with which he deceived *Eve*, ſaying, *You ſhall not ſurely die.* In ſhort, when you puſh them cloſe, they do not believe one Word of Scripture, nor that one Soul will be *damned*; nor can they, till *the God of this World, who now blinds their Eyes*, is caſt out of them, and *Jeſus Chriſt* takes Poſſeſſion of their Souls, which the Lord grant he may.

Sung with Brother *G*——, who pray'd, and then we went to Reſt, full of a Senſe of the Divine Goodneſs to ſuch poor, weak, unworthy Wretches; admiring how gently the Lord deals with us, and pities and helps our poor Endeavours, publickly to have his Name adored in the Midſt of his Enemies; and thus does he preſerve the *Ark of the Teſtimony* in the Midſt of the *Philiſtines.* We alſo *ſail on the Wings of the Wind*, have Health and Strength, and *all Things richly to enjoy. Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praiſe his Holy Name.*

Many of GOD's People expect CHRIST to reign a Thouſand Years upon Earth, when *Satan* will be bound, and after that, let looſe again for a Seaſon, before the general Judgment; and it ſeems plainer to me from *Revelations* xx. than ever I before perceived it; but as to the Wicked, it

it will be as hid to them, and they'll no more believe it than the harden'd *Jews* believed CHRIST's Prediction of his firſt coming to the Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem.*

Lat. 38-8. Long. 5-46. *May* 10. Roſe early; read Prayers; ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*—; copyed Mr. *Whitefield*'s Letter to Mr. *Maſon*; *ſlept three Hours in the* Arms of my LORD JESUS; pray'd and Interceded about as long for Self and Friends.—Read Evening Prayers, ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*—, and went to Reſt.

For ſome Days paſt have read Part of *Cole* on *GOD*'s *Sovereignty*, and find it a ſweet Soul-feeding Book to the Spiritual Man, tho' it muſt be a *Savour of Death* unto the Natural Man.

Lat. 38-25. Long. 7-20. *Sunday*, *May* 11. Roſe early; ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*—; read the Service, and Communion Service; ſung the Hundredth Pſalm, New Verſion; uſed the Collect, *Prevent us, O LORD, &c.* with the Lord's Prayer, and read Mr. *Whitefield*'s Sermon on the Ten Virgins, and the Auditors were very attentive. when 'twas over, one of the Sailors ask'd me for one of Mr. *Whitefield*'s *Sermons*, and I gave him *the Marks of the New Birth.* Read Part of Mr. *Maſon*'s *Remains*, a moſt uſeful judicious Book, and wrote by a Miniſter of the Church of *England. O how beautiful is Chriſtianity! Wherever it appears, it enlivens the Wit, refreſhes the Memory, enlightens the Underſtanding, influences the Will, regulates the Affections, ſweetens the Temper, and in ſhort, new moulds the whole Man, and faſhions it into the Likeneſs of GOD.*

Read Evening Prayers about three, ſung Part of the 106th Pſalm, and uſed the Collect, *Prevent us, O Lord*, &c. with the Lord's Prayer, and then read the Sermon, *What think ye of CHRIST?* and concluded with ſome Collects. Gave ſome Sermons among the Sailors; viſited and exhorted one that was ſick, who ſeemed to receive the Word gladly, and ſaid he had heard Mr. *Whitefield* twice. Obſerved moſt of the Men to read the *Sermons*, and I truſt the Lord will anſwer my earneſt Prayers that ſome Good may be done.—Sung and Pray'd with Brother *G*——, and went to Reſt, full of a Senſe of my own Vileneſs, and of the great Mercy and Goodneſs of GOD in dealing ſo gently with us.

Lat. 38-26. Long. 9-34. *Monday*, *May* 12. Wrote out, and determined to print in *London*, *Obſervations concerning*

cerning Mr. Whitefield, firſt printed at *Boſton* in *New-England*, for the Benefit of the Orphan-Houſe in *Georgia*.

Lat. 39-19. Long. 11-28. *Tueſday May* 13. Was exercis'd Yeſterday and this Day with inward Conflicts, which I know the LORD will make to work for my Good. My Heart is ſo proud and ſtubborn that it requires ſevere Trials to humble and break it. This the LORD knoweth, and therefore *of very Faithfulneſs he doth cauſe me to be troubled.*

Lat. 39-33. Long. 12-51. *Wedneſday, May* 14. Was much exerciſed again with inward Conflicts all this Morning, and could not pray for my Friends, but only *ſigh and groan before the Lord* to get my proud and hard Heart ſoftened and broke.—At length the Lord gave me Freedom to unburden myſelf to Brother *G*—, and then I eat and drank, which I could not do before, nor could I before look upon any Portions of Scripture but *Job*'s, *David*'s, and *Jeremiah*'s *Lamentations*. O let me always ſay, *Juſt and good is the LORD*, and lay my Hand on my Mouth, and ſay I *am vile, and abhor myſelf in Duſt and Aſhes.*

Reprov'd the Captain privately for ſwearing, and beating the *Cabbin* Boy, deſiring he would give a good Example, and that we might live in Peace. He took my Reproofs in Love, and ſaid he was a great Hearer of Mr. *Whitefield* in *Philadelphia*, but that his Paſſions overcame him. I told him nothing but *Grace* could reſtrain them, and for this End was all our Prayers and hearing the Word of GOD. The Captain ſaid he never heard ſo little ſwearing on Board a Ship in his Life. I told him I hoped we ſhould have leſs every Day. Bleſſed be GOD there ſeems a Seriouſneſs among the Sailors, and a Willingneſs to hear the Word; we have generally ſome of them at Morning and Evening Prayers.

Sung and prayed with Brother *G*— as we do Night and Morning, and went to Reſt full of a Senſe of my own Nothingneſs, and *Sighing for the ſweet Preſence of my dear Lord JESUS.*

Lat. 39-59. Long. 14-45. *Thurſday, May* 15. This being the Feaſt of the Aſcenſion of our Bleſſed LORD, I read the full Service, Epiſtle and Goſpel, *&c.* and ſung Part of the 68th Pſalm, New Verſion, beginning at the 17th Verſe. Was enabled to intercede for *the Church of Chriſt*, and particular Friends, before I went to Reſt. *Praiſed be the dear Lord JESUS who hath again lifted up the Light of his Countenance upon me.*

Lat.

Lat. 46-34. Long. 15-49. *Friday May* 16. Read more of *Cole* on *GOD's Sovereignty*, *&c.* and my Soul was fed therewith, as with Marrow and Fatneſs.—It is a moſt ſound, deep Book for *Election*, *Predeſtination*, *and peculiar Redemption*, as well as GOD's *Sovereignty*, which I think are all clearly revealed in Scripture, and I firmly believe them: But then as I know holy pious godly Souls, *Men that are full of Faith and the Holy Ghoſt*, *and that hazard their Lives for the Lord JESUS*, who differ in ſome Points from that Author, I will not condemn them. For my Part I look upon Election, *&c.* as a Myſtery, like the Trinity, to be firmly *believed*, tho' not fathom'd: for as *Election* is certain by GOD's Word; ſo it is as certain by the ſame Word, that the Almighty has no Pleaſure in the Death of a Sinner; nay, and leſt Men ſhould think he had, he confirms it with an Oath, ſaying, "As I live, ſaith the Lord GOD, I have no "Pleaſure in the Death of the Wicked, but that the Wicked "turn from his Way and live," *Ezekiel* xxxiii. 11. and in many other Parts of that Prophet. And how pathetically does our dear Lord weep over *Jeruſalem*, Matth. xxiii. 37. and St. *Peter* ſays in the ſecond Epiſtle, Verſe 34. that *the Lord is long-ſuffering to us-ward*, *not willing that any ſhould periſh*, *but that all ſhould come to Repentance*; *and many other Places there are of the like Import*, *both in the Old and New Teſtament*; and yet our very Reaſon will tell us, if we conſider the Attributes of GOD, that there are a *certain* Number of the *Elect*, *foreknown*, *fore-ordain'd*, *and predeſtinated before the Foundation of the World*, choſen in CHRIST, as the Purchaſe of his Death; and this but few, in Compariſon of the Number that are loſt, tho', when together, they will be *a Multitude which no Man can Number*, *even Ten Thouſand Times ten Thouſand*, *and Thouſands of Thouſands*. Therefore as *both* theſe Truths are ſo plainly *Revealed*, I will believe *both*, tho' I cannot comprehend them fully; only this I am ſure of, that *GOD is Holy*, *Juſt*, *and Good*, and will appear ſo in the *Damnation* of the *Wicked*, as well as in the *Salvation* of the *Righteous*, in the Great Day of Accounts, whatever Opinions Men may have to the contrary now.

If 'tis objected that to hold both theſe Opinions is inconſiſtent, then I ſtick cloſe to the *Elect of GOD*; *choſen Veſſels of Honour*; *precious Jewels*; *conform'd to the Image of CHRIST*; *a peculiar People*, *zealous of Good Works*; *a*

Holy Nation; *a Royal Prieſthood*; for whom Jeſus Chriſt prays in the 17th of St. *John*, and for *none elſe*; *that they may be with him, where he is to behold his Glory*, and being Members of CHRIST's Myſtical Body, *nothing ſhall be able to pluck them out of his Hands, nor ſhall Life or Death, Hunger or Thirſt, Famine or Peſtilence, Things preſent or Things to come, ever ſeparate them from the Love of GOD which is in CHRIST JESUS our Lord.*

Lat. 40-55. Long. 18-29. *Saturday, May* 17. Was much excercis'd again to Day with *inward Conflicts againſt Sin*, which I was convinced was *rooted in my Nature*, and that Nothing but the *Blood of Chriſt ſavingly applied to my Soul* could remove it.

Read more of *Cole* on *GOD*'s *Sovereignty*, *&c.* and am fully convinced that our Salvation is all of GOD; our natural Wills are directly oppoſite thereunto, but we are made willing in the Day of GOD's Power. Our Wills are wrought upon and *influenc'd* by the Divine Will; conſequently, every *Believer* is a *New Creature of GOD*'s *making*; and as the Works of GOD are all *foreknown* unto him, therefore *the Lord* muſt needs *know them that are his*, and not only ſo, but *he knows them by Name too*, and *their Names are all written in the Lamb*'s *Book of Life*, which admits of *no Alteration or Addition*. But Woe be to thoſe who ſhall infer from hence that we may live as we liſt; for ſuch (as the Apoſtle ſays) *their Damnation is juſt*.

At Evening Prayer half the Men attended, as they are now order'd to do conſtantly. Bleſſed be GOD, I was aſſiſted to ſpeak a little on the Second Leſſon, by Way of Exhortation. Glory be to GOD alone!

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—. Interceded for Self and Friends, and for the Church of GOD, and went to Reſt in the Boſom of my Bleſſed Saviour.

Lat. 41-18. Long. 20-55. *May* 18. Was humbled again this Morning for *indwelling Sin and Corruption*, crying to my dear Lord JESUS for *a broken and contrite Heart*, without which we are liable to be taken Captive upon the leaſt Aſſault. O the deadly Nature of Sin! The Poiſon of the old Serpent has ſo tainted us, that Nothing but *the Blood of JESUS CHRIST can cleanſe us from all Sin.*

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—. Read the firſt Service, and ſung Part of the Sixty Eighth Pſalm, beginning at the firſt Verſe, and then read a ſearching Diſcourſe of *William Dyer*, on *entring in at the Strait Gate, which ſo few*

few find, becauſe wide is the Gate, and broad is the Way that leads to Deſtruction, and many there be that go in thereat: But the World *believes* the *Devil*, and not Jeſus Chriſt; for puſh all Natural Men home with cloſe Arguments from Scripture, and you'll bring them to conclude, *that not one Soul ſhall be damned*, at leſt that *they*, and ſuch as *they*, ſhall not.—Thus they make the God of Truth a Liar; and thus they *believe* not in God, but in the *Devil*, who is a Liar and the Father of Lies, and who tells them, *they ſhall not ſurely die.*

After Evening Service, and ſinging the Twenty Third Pſalm, by the Captain's Leave, Mr. *White* beforementi-on'd, a *Baptiſt Preacher*, but an old Diſciple and Miniſter of CHRIST, *preached a cloſe Extempore Sermon* upon the Vitals of Religion, *viz.* of our *determining to know Nothing but JESUS CHRIST and him crucified*, without which Reſolution our *Faith* will be *in vain, and we ſhall die in our Sins.*

Read the laſt Part of *Cole* on *G O D*'s *Sovereignty*; and indeed 'tis a Book worth its Weight in Gold: May all true Believers receive that Comfort from it which I have had.

The Captain being in the *Cabbin*, reading one of Mr. *Whitefield*'s Sermons, and ſinging a Pſalm, the Lord enabled me to ſing and pray in his Preſence. Bleſſed be his Holy Name. After this, the Lord enlarged my Heart in private Interceſſion, and I went to Reſt, admiring at the Goodneſs of God to ſuch a rebellious Worm. *O may I bleſs and praiſe him to all Eternity.*

Lat. 41-17. Long. 21-47. *Monday, May* 19. Was much humbled again this Day with a Senſe of *Sin and Depravity.* I find nothing fills the Soul with true Grace ſo much as deep *Humiliation*, for *GOD reſiſteth the Proud, but giveth Grace to the Humble:* My Prayer therefore is, that God may *ſearch, prove, and try me, and ſee what Way of Wickedneſs is in me, and lead me in the Way everlaſting.*

At Evening Prayer I was enabled to ſpeak a Word of Exhortation from the ſecond Leſſon; in order to which, I omitted the firſt Leſſon, *To GOD be all the Glory.* O that he may ſecond his own Word with his Bleſſing.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—, Morning and Night; after that I was enlarged in Prayer and *Interceſſion for Self and Friends and the Church of Chriſt*, till near Midnight, and then repoſed my Head in the *Boſom of the Lord Jeſus.*

Lat. 40-30. Long. 22-43. *Tuesday*, *May* 20. Was much humbled at first rising, from a Sense of my own *Emptiness*.—I am sure the Lord is *faithful*, and will not lay upon me *more than he will enable me to bear*; for if he was to be always wroth, *the Spirits would fail before him*, therefore it is the Lord which doth *wound* and doth *heal*; and tho' he is *the High and lofty One that inhabiteth Eternity*, *yet his Delight is to dwell with the humble and contrite Heart*, *even with the Man that trembleth at his Word*. It is the Lord, who comforts the *Mourners in Zion*. The Soul must feel the *Weight and Burden* of Sin before it is in a Capacity of finding solid *Rest* in Jesus Christ.

Read the Conclusion of Three Sermons on Justification, by the Revd. Mr. *Blaer*, full of solid substantial Divinity. The Author was bred under old Mr. *Tennant* aforementi-on'd, and is a choice Minister and Servant of Christ, and one of Mr. *Gilbert Tennant*'s Associates, and settled in *Pensylvania*, where the Harvest of Souls is exceeding great, and therefore *I pray the Lord of the Harvest to thrust forth more such Labourers into his Harvest*.

Read Part of the Church of *Scotland*'s Confession of Faith, particularly that of *GOD*'s *Eternal Decree*, *concerning Election and Reprobation*. 'Tis no Wonder the Devil raises such an Outcry against this Doctrine, since it tends so much to destroy his Kingdom; and to those who have Eyes to see it, *the one* is as clearly *revealed* as *the other*, as appears from *Jude* iv. where the Apostle, speaking of ungodly Men, says, they were of old *ordain'd* to this Condemnation: And St. *Peter*, in his first Epistle, Verse 8th of the second Chapter, speaking of *Unbelievers* and the *Disobedient*, says, they were *appointed* thereunto; but to the *Believers* he says, they were *a Chosen Generation*, a *Royal Priesthood*, *an holy Nation*, *a peculiar People*: So that when Natural Men cry out against this Doctrine (nay, and some Spiritual Men, may the Lord enlighten them into it) and say, what! hath GOD *ordained* so many Millions of Men to be *damned*? and call it a *horrible Decree*, and so arraign the *Divine Justice*; we must answer in the Words of St. *Paul* to the *Romans*, Chap. ix. 20, 21. *Nay*, *but*, *O Man*, *who art thou that repliest against GOD*? *Shall the Thing form'd say unto him that form'd it*, *Why hast thou made me thus*? *Hath not the Potter Power over the Clay of the same Lump*, *to make one Vessel unto Honour*, *and another unto Dishonour*?

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What if GOD, willing to ſhew his Wrath, and to make his Power known, endured with much long-ſuffering, the Veſſels of Wrath FITTED *to Deſtruction*, ſhall we ſay then there is Unrighteouſneſs with God? and ſo fooliſhly charge God with Injuſtice? *GOD forbid.*—No, tho' Men and Devils rage againſt it, ſtill let his People ſay, *Righteous and true art thou, O Lord, and juſt are thy Judgments*, for thou haſt *Mercy on whom thou wilt have Mercy, and thou haſt Compaſſion on whom thou wilt have Compaſſion, and whom thou wilt thou hardeneſt.*—Let them alſo ſay, "We thank thee, "Holy Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, that thou haſt "hid theſe Things from the *wiſe* and *prudent*, and haſt re- "vealed them unto Babes; even ſo, Father, for ſo it ſeemed "good in thy Sight, *Matth.* xi. 25, 26.

You have your Maſter's Example for it, who was ſo far from repining at his Father's *Eternal Decree* in the *Damnation* of the *Wicked*, that he rejoiced in Spirit thereat; the Words above being ſpoken after he had been upbraiding the Cities *Chorazin* and *Capernaum*, wherein moſt of his *mighty Works* had been done, becauſe they *repented not*, and after he had ſaid, *it would be more tolerable for* Tyre, Sidon, *and* Sodom, *in the Day of Judgment, than for them.*

"Who will ſay that *Judas* was not appointed from *Eter-* "*nity* to betray CHRIST? and *raiſed up* for that very Pur- "poſe, as much as *Pharaoh* was *raiſed up* to ſhew *GOD's* "*Power*, and that his *Name* might be declared throughout "all the Earth?"

Thus *let GOD be true, and every Man a Liar*, Rom. iii. 4. *Let the Potſherds ſtrive with the Potſherds of the Earth*, but *Woe unto him that ſtriveth with his Maker*, Iſ. xlv. 9.

Let no one infer from hence, that the Goſpel is not to be *preached to every Creature*, ſince CHRIST has commanded it ſo to be; and ſince *He* and his *Apoſtles* preached to thoſe that contradicted and blaſphemed, as well as to thoſe that *believed*,—and why? doubtleſs to leave them without Excuſe; and if CHRIST preached to *All*, tho' he *knew* beforehand who would *believe*, and who would not, much more muſt his Miniſters, who do not *know*.

After Dinner, talk'd with one of the Sailors about his Soul's Concerns, and found him experienced in the Ways of Godlineſs; that God had awakened him by Sickneſs, and that he left his Native Place on purpoſe to break himſelf of wicked Company. He ſaid, that both his Wife and he were much affected by Mr. *Whitefield*'s Preaching at *Philadelphia*,

delphia, and that he enter'd on board, thinking Mr. *Whitefield* was to have gone over. He inform'd me that the *Negroes* were much affected with Mr. *Whitefield*'s praying for them, and *offering* JESUS CHRIST *to their Souls*. He told me of a *Negroe* Woman that came into a Shop where he was, and said, *Mr.* Whitefield *had been in a Trancee*; at first they did not understand her, but desiring her to explain herself, she said, JESUS CHRIST *had told him what to speak to the People, or else she was sure he could not speak as he did.*

The Sailor told me of a *Minister of the Church of England* at *West-Chester* (from whom he received the Sacrament in his Sickness) who made it his Business to visit his *Flock* for their Souls Good; not to seek *their*, but *them*, for that it was rare he would stay to eat or drink in their Houses; and that he held a *Society* in a *Hall* (beside his Service in the Church) for singing Psalms, and expounding the Scriptures.

Such a Behaviour as this is like a *Minister of CHRIST*, who with St. *Paul* determines to know nothing (among his Parishioners) but JESUS CHRIST, and him crucified.—The Sailor farther told me, that all the Ways of Godliness brought Peace to the Mind, and that all other Ways were grievous to him; and that he pray'd now from his Heart *without a Form*; and that he never read the *Bible*, or any other Religious Book, but he was affected with it.

He said, the Captain he came last from *England* with, read Prayers himself twice a Day in the Cabbin, and made all his Men attend, except one at the Helm, and one other, under a Penalty, nor would he suffer an Oath to be sworn.

Blessed be GOD, we live very quiet, and our good GOD seems to be opening a farther Door for doing Good every Day.

This Evening I was enabled to expound the third Chapter of St. *Paul*'s First Epistle to the *Corinthians*; and tho' almost every Verse led me to level my Discourse against one of our Company who is a *polite Reasoner*, yet the Power of GOD is over all, and keeps him from being offended, at least in Appearance. O that I may always *speak boldly the Truths of GOD as I ought to speak*, without Fear of Man; for 'till my Work is done, nothing shall hurt me, and then if I shall be found *worthy* to suffer for *speaking the Truth as it is in JESUS*, happy shall I be.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—. Pray'd and interceded for Self and Friends, and the Church of GOD, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

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Lat. 41-38. Long. 23-18. *Wedneſday, May* 21. Read Part of *John Bunyan*'s Experiences and violent Temptations, and was much humbled thereby, and comforted withal, to find that other Saints of GOD have been moſt grievouſly tempted, and yet came off Conquerors. And here I think it proper to inſert ſome of the manifold Temptations with which my poor Soul has been exerciſed ſince I came on board, and all *to humble me, and prove me, that the Lord may do me Good at my latter End.*

O the horrid Suggeſtions that *Satan* has, Day after Day, follow'd me with! He has endeavoured to caſt a Cloud over all the *Manifeſtations* I have had of the Divine Favour; and tho' the Lord has a Thouſand Times over told me that he had *loved me with an everlaſting Love, and that with his loving Kindneſs he had drawn me, and that he would never leave me, nor forſake me,* yet *Satan* had the Impudence, in the midſt of my Prayers this Day, to ſuggeſt to me, that I was not one of GOD's *Elect*, and therefore my Prayers were an Abomination. He is generally ſo buſy with me in Prayer, that my Time is chiefly ſpent in keeping him off; ſo that I am often Three Hours about thoſe Interceſſions, which might otherwiſe be offered in one Sixth Part of that Space.

Becauſe I was too full of myſelf before, and carried on ſometimes with a moſt violent *Zeal*, now he tempts me much to caſt off my *Confidence* in the Lord; ſets before me the Caſe of *Judas*, *Saul*, and *Jehu*, with many others, to terrify me; and ſays I ſhall *betray* CHRIST at laſt.

The Lord having open'd to me his *abſolute Sovereignty*, *Satan* took the Advantage, and told me, that GOD was only making Uſe of me, as he had done many others, for his Church's Good, and that when GOD had ſerved his Ends of me, I ſhould be *a Caſt-away.*

Thus has my poor Soul been *toſs'd* as in a *Tempeſt*, till brought almoſt to *Deſpair*; but the Lord, who is *rich in Mercy*, will not *ſuffer us to be tempted above what we are able to bear.*

Many *ſweet Texts* were often brought to my Comfort in theſe Conflicts, particularly *Iſaiah* lvii. 16. "For I will not "contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth, for the "Spirit ſhould fail before me, and the Souls which I have "made.

Thus the Lord pities our Weakneſs, but when I am able to bear them, I expect greater Trials, both inward and outward.

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I have found, during theſe Temptations, a general withdrawing of GOD's Spirit, ſo that the Fifty Firſt Pſalm has been almoſt my daily Prayer.

I could feel little or no Love for the *Souls* of my Friends in Prayer, which was exceeding bitter to me: Nevertheleſs, I am perſuaded *the Lord will* again *lift up the Light of his Countenance upon me*, and *reſtore unto me the Joy of his Salvation.*

The Lord is now fitting and preparing of me for the Work whereunto he hath ſent me; nay, his Mercy has been ſo exceeding abundant, that had it not been for theſe Humiliations, my too forward Zeal would probably have marr'd the Good which the Lord hath enabled me to do already among the Ship's Company. *Glory be to his holy Name.*

One remarkable Temptation *Satan* made Uſe of, in order to ſlacken me in my Duty, was this. He knew that, *thro' Grace*, I had kept for many Years, a conſtant Courſe of Prayer, ſo that I have ſeldom above Five Hours Sleep; going to Bed at Midnight, and riſing about Five; whereupon *Satan* terrified me with this Scripture, (for he is as ready at Scripture as the greateſt Saint) "It is but loſt La-"bour that you riſe up early, and ſit up late, and eat the "Bread of Carefulneſs." Here he ſtopt; for he always perverts Scripture, and never applies it right. Bleſſed be GOD, I generally ſleep in the Arms of my Beloved, but it was *Satan*'s Buſineſs now to hide the latter Part of the Text from me.

Was enabled this Evening to ſpeak a few Words of Exhortation on the ſecond Leſſon. Sung with Brother *G*——; pray'd and interceded for Self and Friends, and the Church of CHRIST, and went to Reſt in the Arms of my Beloved.

Lat. 42-40. Long. 24-14. *Thurſday*, *May* 22. Was much humbled again this Morning in Prayer.—*Satan* bid me worſhip him, or Stocks, or Stones, or any Thing but God. This Temptation reſted not upon me, being aſſiſted to ward it off with Indignation, as my bleſſed Lord did before me; and now he has ſhewed himſelf ſo plain, I truſt my God will ſtand by me, and that I ſhall hereafter be *leſs ignorant of his Devices* and *Depths* of Iniquity, whereby he lies in wait with all manner of Deceiveableneſs to catch unwary Souls.

This Afternoon we ſaw an *Iſland of Ice*, white as Snow; about a League Diſtance it appeared as big as a ſmall Hill, drove from the North Seas.

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We alſo ſaw two Birds with long Necks, called *Pengwins*, which they ſay cannot fly, and are always in Soundings; we being near or upon the Banks of *Newfoundland*, where they catch the Cod-Fiſh.

The Sailors alſo ſaw a *Grampus* go by to Day, about Twenty Five Foot long; and a few Days ago they took up a *Shark* about Seven Feet long. Thus do we ſee the Works of the Lord, and his Wonders in the Deep.

Read Prayers this Evening, and ſpoke upon the Second Leſſon as the Spirit gave me Utterance. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, made Interceſſion for about Two Hours, and went to Reſt in Peace.

Lat. 43-9. Long. 26-43. *Friday*, *May* 23. Was much comforted to Day in Prayer and Meditation, and eſpecially in reading Part of a Book call'd the *Mute Chriſtian*, by *Thomas Brooks*, which the Lord was pleaſed to make ſo ſavoury to me, that it melted me into Tears. I have heretofore been much inclined to teach and expound the Scriptures, when I have had *no Call* thereto, and now the Lord has opened a Door for that Purpoſe, I find a Backwardneſs. O the wretched Heart of Man!—However, finding it my Duty to truſt in the Strength of God, I laid me down at the Feet of JESUS, deſiring he would open my Eyes, that I might ſee the Meaning of the Second Leſſon, and that he would enable me to ſpeak upon it, which he did accordingly; after which, I ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; pray'd and made Interceſſion for Self and Friends, and the Church of CHRIST, and went to Reſt in Peace. *Praiſed be the Lord.*

Lat. 43-40. Long. 30-19. *Saturday*, *May* 24. Was much humbled again to Day with *Temptations*, and could do little but ſigh and groan out my Complaints in the Words of the Pſalmiſt, in the Twenty-ſecond and other penetential Pſalms. *Luther* obſerves, that till he was *tempted and afflicted*, he could not underſtand the *Pſalms*; and till he was *perſecuted*, he could not underſtand the Goſpel.—Doubtleſs the *Whale's Belly* opened *Jonah*'s *Spiritual Eyes* more than any other of the Lord's Dealings with him; and the *darker* the *Priſon* or *Dungeon* is for CHRIST's Sake, the more will *the Light of the glorious Goſpel ſhine in the Heart of every true Believer.* Our *Droſs* and *Tin* is *melted* away in the *Furnace* of Affliction, and the *Trial of our Faith is more precious than that of Gold, which is purified and tried Seven Times in the Fire.*

Expounded Part of the Morning Leſſon in much Weakneſs, but I find it my Duty to do the beſt I can, and to pray and truſt in the Lord for his Aſſiſtance.

We now ſail as it were on the Wings of the Wind, having gone near One Hundred Leagues the laſt Forty Eight Hours.—The Lord is merciful to us, in ſending us fair Winds, we having got what they call a *Crank* Ship, being not fit for bad Weather, tho' ſhe was never at Sea before. At this Inſtant, the Sea (running high) came into the Cabbin thro' the Windows, and much ſurprized us; whereupon the Dead-Lights were immediately put up, and our Evening Prayers were not hindered, but I was aſſiſted to expound the Second Leſſon.—Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; pray'd, and made Interceſſion, as uſual, and went to Reſt in Peace. Bleſſed be GOD.

Lat. 43-47. Long. 33-34. *Sunday*, *May* 25. Laſt Night the Lord was pleaſed to *ſtill the raging of the Sea and the Noiſe of the Waves*, and to ſend us a fine Day, ſo that we had full Service; and it being *Whitſunday*, I read the Sermon Mr. *Whitefield* preached laſt *Whitſunday* at *Bexly* Church, intitled, *The Indwelling of the Spirit the common Privilege of all Believers*, from *John* vii. 37, 38, 39. and I truſt I *felt* ſomething of that *Power* with which I heard it delivered.—Praiſed be the Lord, we have gone Five Hundred Miles in the laſt Four Days, all in our right Courſe.—*O that we could learn of the Winds and Waves to obey the Orders of our Maker.*

Mr. *White*, our good Companion, preached after Evening Service upon theſe Words of our Saviour, *The Cup which my Father hath given me, ſhall I not drink it?* He obſerved that when the Soldiers (which came to apprehend CHRIST) were *fallen* to the Ground, they would never have *riſen* again, had not CHRIST, by his Divine Power, willingly *raiſed* them.

At the Cloſe of his Diſcourſe, he exhorted us to *lay aſide every Weight, and the Sin which doth ſo eaſily beſet us*, particularly that *damning* Sin of *Unbelief*, the bitter Root and Spring of all others.

We ſung Three Times, on the Captain of the Ship's own Motion, and it was a bleſſed Sabbath to our Souls, for the *Comforter* was with us of a Truth.

Our polite Reaſoner is very civil, but continues ſtiffly to argue againſt the juſt *Decrees* of GOD, and will have it, that every Man has in himſelf a *Free Will* to do Good as well

well as Evil; and that every one may come to CHRIST, if he will; contrary to the Tenth Article of our Church, and to CHRIST's expreſs Words, who tells the oppoſing, cavilling *Jews*, that *no Man can come to him, except the Father draw him*, John vi. 44. and again he repeats it in the Sixty Fifth Verſe,—*No Man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father*; and yet wretched Man will needs be his own Saviour, and reaſon himſelf into his own Damnation.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; made Interceſſion, and *felt* the Divine Preſence with me, while I poured out my Prayers into the Boſom of my Saviour, and went to Reſt, with a deep Senſe of the Goodneſs of GOD to ſo unworthy a Wretch.

Lat. 44-24. Long. 36-14. *Monday*, *May* 26. It being *Monday* in *Whitſun* Week, read both Services, and ſung a Pſalm between them. In the Afternoon, was much humbled and oppreſſed by *the Hidings of my Beloved*; but lo! the Goodneſs of our GOD! for *his Wrath endures but the twinkling of an Eye*; if he ſeems to *withdraw* for a *Moment*, 'tis only that his *Return* may be the ſweeter.

In my Diſtreſs I called upon the Lord, and he heard me.—I deſired him to ſhew me the true Meaning of the Second Leſſon; and tho' weak and empty in my ſelf, yet the Lord enabled me to ſpeak more powerfully thereon than I have hitherto done.—O that I may truſt him forever. Had ſweet Converſation with Mr. *White*, about the Inheritance prepared for us in the Country to which we are going. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; interceded 'till Midnight, and laid me down in Peace. Bleſſed be GOD.

Lat. 44-55. Long. 37-24. *Tueſday*, *May* 27. This being *Tueſday* in *Whitſun* Week, I read both Services, and ſung between them as Yeſterday.—In the Evening, ſung again after the Second Leſſon, which the Lord enabled me to ſpeak upon more *home* and *plain* than I had done before; whereupon our *polite Diſputer* was much offended, and expreſs'd his Uneaſineſs after Prayers; ſaid my Doctrine tended to bring People into Deſpair, and that I debaſed the *Dignity of Man* too much.—He confeſs'd he did not *feel* that *working of the Spirit* which I talk'd of, and wanted to have it explain'd to him.—I told him I wanted to bring all Men into a Deſpair of being ſaved, without *feeling* the *Holy Spirit* within them; that it was impoſſible for me to debaſe *fallen Man* more than the Scripture did; and that if *Nico-*

demus underſtood not JESUS CHRIST himſelf, when talking of the *Neceſſity* of being *born of the Spirit*, it was no Wonder if I could not be underſtood by the Natural Man, when talking of the ſame Subject.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—; made Interceſſion, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 45-52. Long. 38-16. *Wedneſday, May* 28. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——. Saw ſeveral Sail of Ships, which put the People in a Hurry to get their Guns in Order, leſt we ſhould meet with an Enemy; ſo that I did not read Prayers 'till Noon, and then only to the Captains in the Cabbin, with whom I ſung a Pſalm.

Laſt Night our *polite Reaſoner* talk'd of oppoſing me, if I expounded again to the Sailors in the Manner I did before, ſo that I was dubious how to act; but in the Afternoon, the *Spirit of GOD came upon me*, and put Thoughts into my Heart, *what I ſhould ſay, and what I ſhould ſpeak*; whereupon, after giving a brief Expoſition of the Second Leſſon, which I had alſo before pray'd the Lord to open to me, I told the Sailors, it was for their Sakes that I had attempted to expound, and that I underſtood ſome of them were offended at the Doctrine, as if it tended to drive them to Deſpair. One Sort of *Deſpair* (I ſaid) I wiſh'd they and all the World were in, which was a *Deſpair of being ſaved, without being Born again*; *a Deſpair of being ſaved by our own Righteouſneſs*; *a Deſpair of being ſaved, without feeling the Holy Spirit working in our Souls*; *a Deſpair of being ſaved, without having the Righteouſneſs of* JESUS CHRIST *applied to our Souls*, &c.

It being ſaid, I *debaſed* Man too much, by making them *Beaſts and Devils*, I proved from Scripture, that it was impoſſible for me to deſcribe, had I a Thouſand Tongues, the *Blackneſs and Darkneſs of Hell*, that is by Nature in every one of our Souls.—I told them, 'twas no Wonder this gave Offence to the Natural Man, how elſe ſhould *the Scripture be fulfilled*, which ſays, *The Time ſhall come when Men will not bear ſound Doctrine*; that many polite Ladies did not like ſuch and ſuch Preachers, becauſe they preached ſo much of Hell and Damnation to them; but they liked to be won to their Duty: Alas! ſaid I, 'tis by *propheſying ſmooth Things* (thoſe *ſilken Cords*) that Thouſands are daily *led Captive by the Devil into Hell.*

I told them I could have *no other End but the Good of their Souls* in what I had ſpoken, for that in a few Days or Weeks we

we ſhould be ſeparated, and probably never meet again, 'till we met at *the Judgment Seat of JESUS CHRIST*; where if what I had ſaid was falſe, I deſired they would rejoice in my Damnation; but if true, and they wilfully rejected it, I ſhould be *a ſwift Witneſs againſt them*, that at ſuch a Time, in ſuch a Ship, I had *given them Warning*, and *told them the Truth*, but they would not believe it.

After Prayers, we had much diſputing again with our *polite Reaſoner*, who argued exactly as the *oppoſing Jews* did againſt JESUS CHRIST in the Ninth of St. *John*; and he preſſed me ſo cloſe, that at length I told him the Truth, and that I did apply thoſe Texts to him which CHRIST applied to the *Jews*, when he condemn'd them as *Children of the Devil, and Unbelievers*; nevertheleſs, the *Power of God* was over all, and kept us in Peace and good Behaviour.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; made Interceſſion, and went to Reſt in the Arms of my Saviour, rejoicing in theſe freſh Tokens he had given me of his Love.

Lat. 46. Long. 38-38. *Thurſday, May* 29. This being the *Anniverſary of King* Charles's *Reſtoration*, I read Part of the Service appointed on that Occaſion; not without ſome Doubts on Account of the *Perſecution* which follow'd and continued all *that Reign* upon the real Profeſſors of Chriſtianity (the *Puritans)* as they were call'd; and alſo upon Account of that *fatal Lethargy* which has attended the *Members of the Church of England* ever ſince, inſomuch that the *Scarlet Whore of Babylon* is not more corrupt, either in Principle or Practice.—But, bleſſed be GOD, the Tide is turning, and *Light is ſprung up* again *out of Darkneſs*, tho' *the Darkneſs comprehendeth it not*: So that I doubt not but many Sons and Daughters *of the Church of England*, as well as *of other Profeſſions*, will be brought under her *primitive Purity*, and thereby become not only *formal* but *real* Members of *CHRIST's Myſtical Body*, and of his *Spiritual Kingdom*.

Wrote my *Journal*, and a Letter to the *Religious Society* at *Cardiff*, which the Lord made me an Inſtrument of reviving about Two Years ago, *viz. Auguſt*, 1738.—I exhorted them to *follow on to know the Lord* more and more, and to *walk worthy of that Holy Vocation wherewith we are called*; *not faſhioning ourſelves according to the Courſe of this World*, but daily *growing in Grace, and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST*, by whoſe Blood

Blood we are *redeemed from the Power of the Devil*, and *from our former vain Converſation*. I thanked my GOD that he had ſent them our dear Brother *Weſley* from *Briſtol*, to *Water what his own Right Hand had planted* (by our Brother *Whitefield*.) I hoped our dear Brother *Howel Harris* did viſit them ſometimes; and I did beſeech them to regard ſuch *good Soldiers of JESUS CHRIST, and eſteem them very highly in Love, for their Works Sake.*

Incloſed them Mr. *Whitefield*'s Letters about the *Negroes*, and *Archbiſhop Tillotſon*, that they might avoid ſuch *falſe Apoſtles* and *blind Guides*, which *corrupt the pure Word of God*, and *the glorious Goſpel of JESUS CHRIST.*

At Evening Prayer, after giving a brief Expoſition of the Second Leſſon, inſtead of making many Obſervations of my own, I read Part of a glorious Book intitled, *Inſtructions for a right comforting afflicted Conſciences*, by *Robert Bolton*, B. D. a Divine of our own Church, which contains as ſevere Doctrine againſt *ſecure, carnal Profeſſors*, and *polite Reaſoners*, as any I had ſpoke, tho' wrote above a Hundred Years ago; which ſhews, that the Doctrine of CHRIST is the ſame in all Ages.

But if an *Angel from Heaven* was to come and preach to *carnal* Men, unleſs God Almighty attended the Word with his ſweet Influences, it could not *change* the Heart, but *harden* it the more.—However, we muſt ſpeak, *whether Perſons will hear, or whether they will forbear*, and I truſt thereby I ſhall be daily learning the Apoſtle's Leſſon, *Not to ſtrive*, but *in Meekneſs to inſtruct thoſe that oppoſe themſelves, if God peradventure will give them Repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth; and that they may recover themſelves out of the Snare of the Devil, who are taken Captive by him at his Will.*

Sung and pray'd with Brother G——; made Interceſſion 'till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 46-5. Long. 39-13. *Friday, May* 30. Read Prayers, and after the Second Leſſon, read more out of *Bolton*, after making an Obſervation or two upon the Leſſon. We alſo ſung a *Pſalm*, as we now generally do.

Wrote my *Journal*, and ſeveral Letters, particularly one to the *Religious Society at Badſey in Worceſterſhire, my Native Place*; which *Society* I have a more than ordinary Concern for, as being a kind of *Firſt Fruits* of my Labours in the *Lord's Vineyard*.—Not unto me, not unto me, but *to*

GOD

GOD be all the Glory; it being *by his Power alone working in me*, that I was enabled to do that or any Thing elſe acceptable in his Sight. Nay, farther to encourage all to put forth their utmoſt Strength in CHRIST's Service, I can truly ſay that I am aſtoniſhed as often as I look back and reflect what a wonderful Bleſſing the Lord hath given to every Thing he enabled me to undertake, and that he ſhould bring to paſs ſuch mighty Works by ſo *weak*, ſo *mean*, ſo *vile*, ſo *nothing* an Inſtrument. It can be reſolved into nothing but this, that GOD is an Abſolute Sovereign Being; that his Wiſdom is unſearchable, and his Ways paſt finding out; only this we know, becauſe he has reveal'd it to us, that he works by the *meaneſt Inſtruments*, that *no Fleſh ſhould glory in his Preſence*; and *that the Power may appear to be not of Man, but of GOD.*

I can truly ſay, that ever ſince He *drew me* to ſeek after and ſerve him, *not one Thing* has fail'd me, either *Temporally* or *Spiritually*; but from *the firſt Day* which was in the Year 1728, *until now*, tho' I have met with *continual Oppoſition*, both from the *World without*, and *my own Corrupt Heart within*, yet *out of every Trouble the LORD deliver'd me*, yea, and will deliver me, and all others that truſt in him.—It is well known how the LORD carried me thro' all Difficulties, and rais'd up others to aſſiſt me in *reviving Hackney Charity-School*, and in leſs than Three Years to raiſe a Fund of 300*l. Sterling* upwards of 100*l. per Annum* annual Subſcriptions, and about 50*l. per Annum* by Charity Sermons; and all this in Oppoſition to the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtry Men of the Pariſh.

What leſs than *the Power of GOD* could *effect* this by ſo poor an Inſtrument as me, who am naturally timerous and fearful, and *leſs than the leaſt of all Saints.* I might mention what *the Lord wrought by me* in *Langbourn Ward*, where is the like Fund and Proviſion, or better than at *Hackney*; as alſo at *Caſtle-Baynard Ward*, *Billinſgate Ward*, *Vintry Ward*, and *in the Pariſh of* St. *George the Martyr*; but I forbear leaſt I ſhould *boaſt* of *other Mens Labours*, or leaſt I ſhould ſeem to commend myſelf; *for not he that commendeth himſelf is approved, but whom the LORD commendeth.—GOD forbid therefore that I ſhould glory in any Thing which the LORD hath not wrought by me, or in any Thing, ſave in the Croſs of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, whereby the World is crucified unto me, and I unto the World.*—Nay farther, I deſire to count all my former and preſent *Righteouſneſs*

teousneſs as filthy Raggs or as *Dung, that I may win Chriſt, and be found in him.* Not that I *deſpiſe the Day of ſmall Things*; for tho' the Schools beforemention'd are all in Matters of Religion on the *Legal Foundation*, yet with Reſpect to me the LORD made the Law my *School-Maſter to bring me to CHRIST*, and what I did then was according to the Knowledge GOD had then given me, and as it was *the Lord's doing*, I am perſuaded *Good* will come out of it, and I truſt many of the *Truſtees* and *Children* belonging to thoſe *Schools* may hereafter be brought, *by the preaching of the Word*, ſavingly to *believe* on the *LORD JESUS*, whom they have only now a *Head*-Knowledge of. The LORD knows my Heart, both Truſtees and Children have often my Prayers for that Purpoſe. At *Evening Prayers* read more out of *Bolton*, but ſtill 'tis too harſh for *polite* Ears. O may the LORD enable me to *ſet my Face as a Flint*, and teach me what I ſhall ſay, and what I ſhall do.—Our polite Reaſoner ſays my reading or ſpeaking makes him ſo uneaſy he can't attend to the Prayers, therefore what I do he deſires I'll do when they are over, that he may the more decently withdraw if he don't like it; for that what I read is more offenſive to him than *Rocheſter's* Poems, (and ſo they would to any lewd Man whatever.) Good GOD! what a *Devil* is Man!—Thus did the *Devils* deſire *our Lord* not to torment them before the Time.

Bleſſed be GOD the Time is coming when *the Wicked will ceaſe from troubling*; and a Separation will be made, and our *Souls* ſhall enjoy an *Eternal Reſt* with the *Spirits of Juſt Men made perfect*, and with GOD *the Judge of all*, and with *JESUS the Mediator of the New Covenant*, and with the *General Aſſembly and Church of the Firſt-Born which are written in Heaven*, and with *an Innumerable Company of Angels*, with whom we ſhall behold the Glory of GOD in the Face of JESUS CHRIST, and ſo be forever with the LORD, while the Wicked will be Eternally confined to their beloved Company, not to triumph, as they do now, over the Children of GOD, but to torment each other for ever and ever in the Lake of Fire and Brimſtone prepared for the Devil and his Angels, with whom will be Weeping and Gnaſhing of Teeth.

Saw two Sail of Ships, but did not ſpeak with them. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——. Interceded till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the LORD.

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Lat. 46-42. Long. 41-31. *Saturday*, *May* 31. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——. Read Morning Prayer, and ſung after the ſecond Leſſon. Wrote my Journal, and after Evening Prayer, I told the Sailors the Reaſon why I did not read or ſpeak after the ſecond Leſſon was this, that it was thought by ſome to hinder and interrupt their Prayers, becauſe what was read or ſpoken made them uneaſy, and that thoſe who did not like to ſtay might withdraw.—I told them if I had read or ſaid any Thing which could give juſt Cauſe of Offence to any one, I was ready to ask Pardon; but that if any one was offended with what was read or ſpoken agreeable to Scripture, and the pure Word of God, I muſt in ſuch a Caſe ſay, as my Maſter did.—*It is impoſſible but ſuch Offences muſt come*; *but Woe be to that Man by whom the Offence cometh*, *good were it for him if he had never been born*, for that without Repentance he ſhould ſurely periſh everlaſtingly. I ſaid farther, that what I had done ſince I came on Board was not out of a vain-glorious Deſire to ſet up for a Teacher, for that I wanted to be taught myſelf; but purely for *the Glory of GOD*, to ſatisfy the Dictates of my *Conſcience*, and for *the good of their precious and immortal Souls:* Therefore if any of them fled away, they would *fly from their* own *Mercies*, and render themſelves inexcuſable if they periſhed.

I ſaid, if I ſpoke at all, I muſt ſpeak the Truth without Reſpect of Perſons, and depend on God to ſtand by his *own Word*, and protect it. I told them my View in reading Prayers was not merely out of Form, as the *Papiſts* ſay their *Ave-Marys*, and therefore I alter'd them as I thought would tend moſt to the Uſe of Edifying. When I had done, our polite Reaſoner anſwer'd and ſaid, he ſuppoſed my Speech was chiefly hinted at him, and then he endeavour'd to confute my Doctrine by the Mercy of God, and pleaded for *Juſtification by Works*, as well as *Faith*: He alſo complain'd of my not keeping ſtrictly to the Form of Prayer.

Thus the *Phariſees* found fault with *Chriſt*'s Diſciples for tranſgreſſing the Tradition of the Elders, tho' they themſelves tranſgreſſed the Command of God by their Traditions; and thus the *Phariſees* of our Times daily break the *Canons* and *Rubricks* of the *Church* by *Lazineſs* or *Covetouſneſs*, but if a *poor Chriſtian* for Conſcience-Sake or Edification go a Step out of the *beaten Track*, preſently they are offended, and cry out of Innovations, ſaying, *The Temple of the Lord*, *The Temple of the Lord*, The Church is in Danger.

Bleſſed be God, it will ſoon be ſeen who were the Churches beſt Friends, thoſe who lived up to the Rules of it, and follow'd it as far as their Conſcience allowed them; or thoſe who only eat of its Bread, and fed themſelves, but not their *Flocks*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——. Interceded as uſual, and went to Reſt, feeling much Sweetneſs of Soul. Thus our Enemies and Oppoſers are *unwillingly* our beſt Friends. *The Wrath of Man ſhall turn to the Praiſe of GOD, and the Remainder of it ſhall he reſtrain.*

Lat. 47-27. Long. 42-23. *Sunday, June* 1. Read Prayers, ſung twice, and read a Sermon out of the ſame Author as laſt *Sunday*, being *A Call to Sinners*, or *GOD's Voice to London*, preach'd ſoon after the *Plague*, and it was very plain and *ſearching*. At the Cloſe, I obſerved tho' 'twas preached Sixty Years ago, it was equally needful now, eſpecially as God's Judgments were gone abroad in the Earth by *Wars and Rumours of Wars*. I obſerv'd that all the Chriſtians were ſaved in the Grand Deſtruction of *Jeruſalem*; ſo if any Calamity befal our Land, woe be to all thoſe who ſhall not obey this Bleſſed Call of the Goſpel; for a Way will probably be made for the Safeguard of *true Believers*, and for none elſe; or however, if they died with the reſt, they would be tranſlated only ſo much the ſooner where their Treaſure is already laid up.

In the Afternoon our good Friend Mr. *White* preach'd, and we ſung three Times; then I wrote my *Journal*, and ſeveral Letters, ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; made Interceſſion, and praiſed GOD for giving us ſo Bleſſed a *Sabbath*.

Lat. 47-41. Long. 44-31. *Monday, June* 2. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, read Prayers and ſung after the ſecond Leſſon; wrote ſix Letters to *Scotland*, *Yorkſhire*, *Wales*, and other Places; particularly to thoſe *faithful Labourers in the Lord's Vineyard*, Mr. *Ralph Erskine*, *of Dumferling* in *Scotland*, aud Mr. *Benjamin Ingham*, of *Oſſett*, near *Wakefield* in *Yorkſhire*; giving them an Account how the *Work of GOD* went on in *America*, and deſiring to hear of the *ſame Work* in their reſpective Diſtricts.

After Evening Prayer, gave an Exhortation on the *Love of our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST*, from the *Anathema* or Curſe in the ſecond Leſſon, denounced againſt thoſe that love him not; endeavouring to ſhew the exceeding great Love of our dear Lord to his *Elect*, in dying for them, tho' they

they had been his *Betrayers and Murderers*; that we are all equally guilty with thoſe *Three Thouſand converted by* St. *Peter*, who had juſt before imbrued their Hands in his *Blood*, and had *preferr'd a Murderer before him the Prince of Life, when Pilate was determin'd to let him go:* Nay, that we were equally guilty with the *Soldiers that pierc'd his ſacred Side*, thoſe who *crown'd him with Thorns*, or that *nail'd him to the Croſs*; every *Sin* of ours being a *Nail* in his *Foot*, a *Spear* in his *Side*, and a *Thorn* in his *Temples*.—Then I gave ſome *Marks*, by Men's thinking and talking of thoſe Things which they moſt delighted in, whereby we might perceive whether we had any *Love for* JESUS CHRIST, *the Lord of Glory, or not*, that ſo, we might not deceive ourſelves, and fall under the extreme *Malediction* of the *Law*, which would conſign us to *Everlaſting Fire*, but *lay hold on the Righteouſneſs of* JESUS CHRIST, which would bring us to *Life Eternal*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—; interceded till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace and Joy. Praiſed be the LORD.

Lat. 47-59. Long. 47-31. *Tueſday, June* 3. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; read Prayers; wrote my *Journal*, and ſeveral Letters to *Glouceſter*, *Briſtol*, *&c.* giving an Account of the *Work of GOD* in *America*, and the Occaſion of my coming over; particularly one to Brother *Hutchins*, deſiring him to meet me in *London*, for the better diſpatching our Lord's Buſineſs, and to take ſweet Counſel together thereupon, eſpecially for making more effectual the Collection for the poor *Negroes*.

Alſo one to that famous *Boanerges* in the *Work of the Goſpel*, the Reverend Mr. *Rowland* of *Kangeitho* in *Cardiganſhire*, where he has had Seven Hundred Communicants, and *opens his Mouth boldly, to make known the Myſtery of the Goſpel*.

After Morning Prayer, the Lord enabled me to give a brief Exhotation to the People, not to come and eat and drink in CHRIST's Preſence, and preſently go out and *betray him*, by profaning his Holy Name, or by other Wickedneſs, leſt their *Prayers become an Abomination*; and, bleſſed be GOD, I truſt at leaſt, much Sin has been prevented and reſtrain'd, for *we enjoy great Quietneſs, and eat our Bread with Gladneſs*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; pray'd and interceded till paſt Midnight for Self and Friends, and the

Church of CHRIST, and went to Reſt with Joy and Gladneſs. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 48-27. Long. 47-56. *Wedneſday, June* 4. Read Prayers, and ſung a Pſalm. At the Cloſe was aſſiſted to give a brief Expoſition of the ſecond Leſſon, ſhewing that the *Devils* caſt out by our *Bleſſed Saviour well repreſents the Influence the Devil hath on every one of us by Nature*, tho' we don't know it, or rather *are wilfully ignorant of it*, and till we do actually *feel ourſelves* oppreſſed with the *Devil*, CHRIST will never *heal* us.

It being the 5th of St. *Mark*, where the Woman was cured of the *Bloody Iſſue*, I told them it was a lively Repreſentation of a Perſon under the Spirit of Bondage, who after trying all other Methods of Salvation, and finding them ineffectual, at laſt comes to *CHRIST* as the only *Phyſician* to heal the Plague of our Hearts.

I told them farther that the Death of the *Ruler of the Synagogue's Daughter* repreſented the State of all our Souls by *Nature*, which lie *dead in Treſpaſſes and Sins* till *CHRIST quicken us by his Bleſſed Spirit.*

Wrote a Letter to the *Truſtees for eſtabliſhing the Colony of Georgia*, giving them an Account of the Buſineſs I had to tranſact with them, and the proper Means *under GOD* for ſettling the ſaid *Colony* as mention'd in the beginning of my *Journal:* Mention'd Two Perſons, viz. Brother *Brownfield* and Mr. *Woodroff*, who I believed would accept of the Office of a *Magiſtrate* without *Fee* or *Reward*, tho' they were ignorant of my Propoſal.

I told them I had (thro' Grace) given up myſelf and Fortune to aſſiſt Mr. *Whitefield* in his generous Undertaking for the Good of Mankind, and therefore I could have no other View *(as the LORD knew my Heart)* but the Glory of GOD and the Good of the *Colony*; that I deſign'd to take over my *Daughter, by the Will of GOD*, to be educated in the *Orphan-Houſe*; and that I would take up 500 Acres adjoining to it, provided I could have *a clear Title and Liberty for me or my Heirs* to leave it to the *Orphan-Houſe*, if we thought fit.

That I had aſſiſted Mr. *Whitefield* to take up 5000 Acres of Land in *Penſilvania* in order to erect a *Negroe-School*, and to ſettle our *Engliſh Friends*, where they might worſhip GOD in their own Way, without being thought *Enthuſiaſts* for ſo doing; and as they might do the ſame in *Georgia*, I did not doubt, but if the Obſtacles, which now hindred, were removed,

removed, and the *Colony* put upon an equal footing with the other Provinces, many Perſons would take over their *Families* and *Fortunes*, which till then they would not do. I concluded with praying GOD to direct their Conſultations. And indeed, my conſtant Prayer is, that *GOD, who has the Hearts of all Men in his Hands*, would incline them to do whatever he in his infinite Wiſdom and Counſel has before appointed to be done for the Benefit of the ſaid *Colony*; and tho' carnal Reaſon looks no farther than ſecond Cauſes, yet *the Almighty Governour of the World* has ſo order'd it, that *He will be found in the Uſe of proper Means, by thoſe who wait upon him*; whereas *He infatuates the Counſels of Men, and makes all their Devices to be of none Effect, when they look not to him for Direction:* For however *the Wiſe Men of this World* may flatter themſelves in high Conceits of their own Wiſdom and Policy, there is no *true Wiſdom* but *in JESUS CHRIST*, and in the *Father* thro' him; ſo true is it, that *except the Lord build the Houſe, their Labour is but loſt that build it*, and *except the Lord keep the City, the Watchman waketh but in vain.*

Wrote ſundry other Letters to my *London* Friends, and to my *Daughter* and her *Governeſs*, to adviſe them of my coming, and to deſire them to rejoice and give Thanks for the many Mercies and *abundant Grace beſtow'd upon us* ſince I ſaw them; in preſerving us in travelling about 1400 Miles by *Land*, and about 10,000 by *Water*; and *delivering us out of all Perils*, and ſtill making *our Strength equal to our Day.*—Above all, in making us *to triumph in CHRIST*, and in making *manifeſt the Savour of his Knowledge by our* Brother *Whitefield, in every Place.*

I alſo deſired their Prayers, that I might have good Succeſs in every Thing committed to my Charge.—That I had *many Things to ſay, but would not with Pen aud Ink write, truſting in the Lord Jeſus to ſee them ſhortly, and ſpeak Face to Face, that our Joy might be full.*

Wrote to Brother *Abbot*, that the Lord was bringing *Salvation* to the poor *Negroes*, many of whom attended the *Word*; and that *the Light of the glorious Goſpel of JESUS CHRIST* had ſhined into the Hearts of ſome; and that by *Means* of the deſign'd *School* I truſted *that People* would become the *Lord*'s *People.*— That ſurely this was the *Day of the Lord*'s *Power.*—While *Nation is riſing againſt Nation, and Kingdom againſt Kingdom, the Lord would carry on the War between Michael and the Dragon.*—That I hoped, *by*

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the Power of GOD, we had demoliſh'd *Satan*'s *ſtrongeſt Hold* in *Philadelphia*, viz. the *Dancing-School*, *Aſſembly*, and *Muſick-Meeting*, thoſe *Houſes* of *Baal*.

In the Afternoon, going upon Deck, and finding they went greatly out of the Way, I was moved to deſire them to put the Ship about, (as the moſt likely Means for GOD to favour us with a Wind), which they did accordingly, and then we ſteer'd within Two Points of our *Courſe*; whereas before we were Eleven Points off it.—Indeed there was but little Wind; but I mention this to ſhew that *GOD will be found in the Uſe of Means*, and that the ſmalleſt are not to be neglected, as diligent Sailors know very well; and whereas *ſuch* uſually *watch every Breath of Wind* to improve it, ſo ſhould the *ſpiritual Sailor* watch every *Motion* and *Breathing of the Spirit* upon his *Soul*, in order to improve it to the utmoſt, towards carrying him to the Haven where he would be.

After Evening Prayer I was enabled to ſpeak briefly on the ſecond Leſſon, ſhewing the Difficulty of keeping a Medium between two Extreams: For whereas, in the firſt Epiſtle, St. *Paul* had reproved the *Corinthians* for not uſing *Diſcipline* againſt the ſcandalous *Fornicator*, in this ſecond Epiſtle he reproves them for *too great Severity* againſt *him*, and adviſes them (ſeeing he had given ſufficient Tokens of Repentance) to *receive him into the Church again*, and *comfort him*, *leſt*, ſays he, *ſuch a one be ſwallow'd up of overmuch Sorrow*, *and ſo Satan get the Advantage of us:* For ſays the Apoſtle, *we are not ignorant of his Devices*; it being *Satan*'s Buſineſs, when we are convinced of an Error, to drive us to the contrary Extreme.—Thus he dealt with Mr. *Wathen* of *Briſtol*, who being perhaps rather too eager of teaching others, and receiving Reproofs for it of his *Friends*, of a ſudden *caſt away his Confidence*, as if all the *Work of God* in his *Soul* had been *Deluſion*; but I ſtill truſt the Lord will bring him back, *heal his Backſlidings*, *and love him freely*.—For my Part, I was always moved to encourage Mr. *Wathen*, thro' a Deſire *that Good might be done*, and *the Work carried on*, let the Inſtruments be ever ſo weak. And tho' I have been *too forward* myſelf, yet *the Lord has had Mercy on me*, and has helped me *not to caſt off my Confidence*, but to truſt in *Him*, who looks on *the Sincerity of the Heart* more than on the *outſide Performance*.

At the End of the Leſſon, I ſhow'd them the *different Effects* the *preaching of the Goſpel* had on different Perſons;

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to ſome *'twas a Savour of Death unto Death*, to others *a Savour of Life unto Life*, and warned them againſt being found in the Number of the former, eſpecially *in this Day of GOD's Viſitation*, when, if 'twas not their own Faults, they might, in *England* and *America*, hear the *Goſpel preached with Power*, and in its *Purity*; and that if they did not obey it, it would turn to their Condemnation, which I pray'd the Lord to prevent.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—— in the Middle of the Day, as well as at Night, and *the Preſence of the Lord was with us.* Interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 48-39. Long. 49-45. *Thurſday, June* 5. Read Prayers, and was aſſiſted to expound Part of the Second Leſſon, being the Sixth of St. *John*, ſhewing the Prejudices Perſons take againſt the *Miniſters of Chriſt*, by Reaſon of the *Meanneſs* of their *Appearance, Birth*, or *Education*, not conſidering the *Wiſdom, Spirit*, and *Power* by which they ſpeak.

From the Example of *Herod*, I told them, Perſons might hear a *Miniſter of CHRIST gladly, and do many Things* thereupon, by way of *Reformation*, and yet be ſtill as *far from the Kingdom of God* as the moſt common *Harlot*, for want of a *total Renovation* and *Change of Heart*, to enable them to part with the moſt darling *Herodias*, the *moſt beloved Luſt*, tho' as dear as *a Right Hand* or *a Right Eye*; for that *to offend thus in one Point, a Man lies under the Curſe of the whole Law*, which nothing but *the Blood of CHRIST* can *redeem* us from. I told them, from the *Miracle of the Loaves and Fiſhes*, not to be afraid of CHRIST's *Service*, on Account of *Difficulties*, but obey CHRIST's *preſent Commands*, as the *Diſciples did*, when they made the *Multitude* ſit down on the Graſs, tho' they knew not how they were to be fed. Had CHRIST multiplied the Loaves into a ſufficient Quantity firſt, there had not been ſo much Room for *Faith* in the *Diſciples* or the *Multitude*; but multiplying them as they were given out, there was Room for *Faith* in both.

Thus when we have any *Work to do for CHRIST* (as we have daily) and, *in Compariſon to the Work*, we find *in ourſelves* as little Ability to do it as the *Diſciples* found Ability *in themſelves* to feed Five Thouſand with Five Loaves; yet if we uſe the *little* we have, and depend on CHRIST for Supply, we ſhall as ſurely ſucceed as they did, and ſhall be

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amazed at the Power of God in us; but then if our *Grace* is *weak*, or however to keep the *Balance*, leſt we ſhould be *puffed up* after great *Enlargements* or *Viſitations*, CHRIST often ſeems to withdraw from us, as he did from the Diſciples, and by and by a *Storm* ſucceeds, and we think our poor Souls are *in Jeopardy*, 'till our *ſweet* JESUS again ſhows his *lovely Face*, and we hear his *harmonious Voice* ſounding in our Ears, and ſaying, *Be of good Chear, it is I, be not afraid.* At the Cloſe, I told them this was Encouragement to come to JESUS CHRIST, and exhorted them to ſeek an Intereſt in him, otherwiſe theſe would be *dark Sayings* to them, and they would be apt to ſay of *Perſons* who talk in this Manner, as the *Phariſees* did of CHRIST, *The Man is mad, and has a Devil, Why hear ye him?*

Wrote ſundry Letters for Town and Country, to give an Account of our coming over, and of our *Buſineſs*, and of the *Work of God* in *America*, deſiring Anſwers to know how the *ſame Work* goes on in *England*. *O may the Lord haſten the Coming of his Kingdom, that we may ſee* Jeruſalem *in Proſperity all our Life long.*

After Evening Prayer I was enabled to give a brief Expoſition on the ſecond Leſſon, *viz.* the third Chapter of the ſecond Epiſtle to the *Corinthians*; ſhewing, that if we look'd no farther than the *Letter of Scripture*, it would be only a *killing, dead Letter* to us; that as CHRIST was the *Treaſure hid in the Old Teſtament* from the *carnal Jews*, ſo is his *true Doctrine* as much now hid in the *New*, from all *carnal* Profeſſors of *Chriſtianity.* I warned them to flee from under the *Law*, not from it as a Rule of Action, but as *a Covenant of Works*, which would *adminiſter* nothing but *Condemnation*, becauſe it ſays, *Curſed is every one that continueth not in all Things that are written in the Law, to do them*; and I preſs'd them *to lay hold on the Righteouſneſs of JESUS CHRIST*, who has *redeemed* his *Elect from the Curſe of the Law, being made a Curſe for them*, and thereby they would have *the Scales removed from their Eyes*, and *the Veil from their Hearts*; which *Veil* is as much over our Hearts (by Nature) when we read the *Goſpel*, as it was over the *unconverted Jews*, when they read the *Law*; and that nothing but JESUS CHRIST could move it. I ſhow'd them the *Liberty* of a Chriſtian was not a *Liberty to ſin*, but *a glorious Freedom from the Slavery of Sin*, and from *Bigotry* to this or that peculiar *Form of Worſhip*, where the Differences were not eſſential; told them we muſt look for *the Glory*

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of CHRIST in *the Myſteries of the Goſpel*, which was *as a Glaſs*, to ſhew them unto us, and hereby we were to get *a Conformity to the Image of* CHRIST, and be *changed* from *one* Degree of *Glory* to *another*; but *all* by the *Spirit and Power of the Everliving* GOD, without which they would remain juſt as they were, *poor and miſerable, and blind and naked.*

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; made Interceſſion till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 48-51. Long. 53-45. *Friday, June* 6. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, Morning and Evening. Read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms, Morning and Evening, but did not expound, becauſe I underſtood the *Sailors* were backward in coming to Prayers on that Account: So as I had often *told them the Truth*, given them *Warning*, and *delivered my Soul*, I found *no Freedom* to proceed any farther in that Way; but thought it beſt *to leave them to God and his own Word*, which they daily hear in the Chapters and Pſalms, and *if they believe not them, neither will they be perſwaded tho' one roſe from the Dead.*

Wrote ſeveral Letters, particularly one to that choice Servant of CHRIST, Mrs. *Ann Dutton*, of *Great Granſden* in *Huntingdonſhire*, to whom I mentioned my Doubts and Fears, in order to receive Comfort from her precious Anſwers. I told her I much fear'd I ſhould return more a Weakling in Grace than I came out; that I generally *drave my Chariot Wheels heavily*, and that I was afraid of always continuing *an Infant in Grace*; that ſometimes I thought I had *ſome* Faith, at other Times I was ready to think I had *none*, eſpecially upon reading ſome ſearching *New-England* Books, *&c.* that when I read the *Experiences* of other Chriſtians, and found not the ſame in myſelf, I was apt to be caſt down, but that I durſt not caſt off *my Confidence in God*, who has ſo marvellouſly *brought me hitherto*, and of whoſe *Eternal, Everlaſting, Electing* Love to my Soul I have had ſo many ſweet *Experiences.*

When I had finiſhed the Letter, I providentially read one I had from her in *May*, 1739. full of ſuch *Comforts* and *direct Anſwers* to what I had been writing, that it filled my *Eyes* with *Tears of Joy*. O how ſweet is the *Balm of Gilead* to a *wounded Soul!* 'tis like the *Oil and Wine* of the *good Samaritan*, when the poor Soul has *fell*

among Thieves, which have wounded him, and left him half dead.—O *ſweet* JESUS! Thou art the *good Samaritan*, who wilt not only comfort us under preſent *Tribulations*, but wilt order the *Heavenly Hoſt* to take Care of us, and keep our Feet from falling; and whatever is expended by Angels or Men upon us, thou wilt repay it.

Interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 48-52. Long. 57-57. *Saturday, June* 7. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—— Morning and Evening. Read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms twice. Wrote ſeveral Letters, particularly to the *Religious Societies* at *Baſingſtoke* and *Cheltenham*, exhorting them to *examine themſelves*, and *ſee whether they were in the Faith*; which *Faith* being *the Gift of God*, nothing leſs than his *Almighty Power* can *work* it in the *Heart*; wherefore I beſought them to *ſtrive earneſtly* for this *ſaving Faith* in their Souls, whereby they would *overcome the World*, and *trample over all the Power of the Enemy, ſubdue the Kingdom of Darkneſs in their Souls, lay hold on the Righteouſneſs of* CHRIST, *and all the Promiſes of the Goſpel.*

I told them, this *Faith*, if *true*, would *work by Love to* JESUS CHRIST, and *bring into Captivity every Thought to the Obedience of* CHRIST. It would *caſt down Imaginations, and every high Thing that exalteth itſelf in our Hearts againſt the Knowledge of* GOD. It would *ſtop the Mouth of the roaring Lion in our Souls*, and *quench the Fire of Luſt in our Members.* It would produce *Strength* out of *Weakneſs*; and *all* this it would do, *by turning its Eye upon the Lord* JESUS CHRIST, *either as he hung upon the Croſs, or as he is now exalted at the Right Hand of God.*

Told them, in order to find this *Faith*, they muſt firſt be *convinced of Sin.* That unleſs the *Comforter* is ſent by JESUS CHRIST *into our Hearts from the Father, to convince us of Sin, particularly of that damning Sin of Unbelief*, we ſhall never be *cloathed with the Righteouſneſs of* JESUS CHRIST, nor will *the Prince of this World* ever be *judged and caſt out of our Hearts*, for *his Goods are in Peace, while he keeps the Soul under the Power of that one Sin of Unbelief*, which is the *Spring*, the *Root* and *Fountain* from whence all other Sins proceed, as *Faith* or *Believing* is the *Spring* from whence all *Graces of the Holy Spirit* flow.

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I exhorted them to *ſearch the Scriptures* daily, as for *hid Treaſure*, and for the *Pearl of great Price*; *to live in Love and Peace, and the God of Peace ſhould be with them.*

After Evening Prayer, I told the People I had thought, for ſeveral Reaſons not to ſpeak any more upon the *Leſſon*, partly from my own *Inability*, and partly from the *Offence* I found it gave; that I had often told them *the Truth out of Love to their Souls*, and for the reſt *I muſt leave it to God and their own Conſciences*; I mean as to what Effect it may have upon them. I told them the Leſſon was ſo winning, being the Fifth of the Second of *Corinthians*, that it moved me to ſpeak thus much, as *knowing that we muſt all ſhort-ly appear before the Judgment Seat of* JESUS CHRIST, *every one to receive the Things done in his Body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.* That *knowing therefore this Terror of the Lord, I was conſtrain'd by the Love of* CHRIST *to perſwade them to be reconciled to God.*

I beſought them to refrain from *Swearing*, and that we might *live in Peace, in Love and Quietneſs*, which, bleſſed be GOD, we have hitherto done.

Interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 48-58. Long. 61-46. *Sunday, June* 8. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; Morning and Evening. Read both Services in the Morning; ſung Pſalms twice, and then read Mr. *Whitefield*'s *Sermon on the Power of Chriſt*'s *Reſurrection.*—In the Afternoon read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms three Times, and our good Friend Mr. *White* preach'd on the *penitent Thief*, who ſaid, "*And we indeed "juſtly, for we receive the due Reward of our Deeds, but "this Man hath done nothing amiſs.*"

Shewing, that the moſt *ſevere Diſpenſations* we can meet with in this Life, are only the *due Reward of our Deeds*, nay *infinitely leſs than our Sins deſerve*, which required an *infinite Ranſom* to be paid for them.

He ſhew'd the Rareneſs of the *Penitent*'s *Faith*, who reſted on CHRIST, and own'd him, when *one Diſciple had juſt betray'd him*, another *denied him*, and *all had forſook him*, when the *chief Prieſts*, were deriding him, the *Soldiers mocking him*, and his *fellow Priſoner* railing on him. Thus did the *penitent Thief* ſhew his *Faith* by his *Works*. *Such Works as none before or ſince ever did or can perform.* Therefore let none preſume to delay their *Repentance* on *his* Account, but let us *ſtrive to imitate his Faith*

in the beſt Manuer we can, and then we ſhall be Sharers in his *Happineſs*, viz. by *owning the Doctrine and Ways of* CHRIST, *and walking in them, tho' all the World forſakes them*, and *tho' we ſhould lay down our Lives for ſo doing.*

Wrote ſeveral Letters, particularly one to a Relation, whom I invited to come to CHRIST, from the *Amiableneſs of his Perſon*, and *Sweetneſs of his Ways.*—I ſhew'd her that He was *the Roſe of Sharon*, the *Lilly of the Valleys*, the *Lily among Thorns*; that he was *fair as the Moon, clear as the Sun*, and *the Chief among Ten Thouſand*; that he was *the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth.*—The Spouſe in the *Canticles* ſays, *How much better is his Love than Wine!* and *the Smell of his Ointments than all Spices!* He is *a Well of Living Water ſpringing up to eternal Life*; he is *more precious than Rubies, and all the Things we can deſire are not to be compared unto him: Heaven is no Heaven without him*, and *Hell is no Hell with him.*——*Come then*, (I ſaid) *dear Couſin*, and *eat of his pleaſant Fruits.—O taſte and ſee how gracious he is! How fair and how pleaſant he is for Delights! He is ſweeter than Honey and the Honey Comb.*—Since then *the dear Lord Jeſus Chriſt is altogether lovely, and a Thouſand Times more than I can expreſs, make haſte and come to him, and give him your whole Heart. Don't you think he deſerves it? I am ſure you do.—Lay your ſelf then at his Feet, water them with your Tears, and wipe them with the Hairs of your Head*, and then you'll ſee *his Everlaſting, Eternal, Unchangeable Love to your Soul.* You'll then ſee that *he gave himſelf, and all his Glory, for you*; *And does not this deſerve ſome Returns of Love? Was your Heart once fired with his Love*, you'd find it *ſtronger than Death*; you'd wiſh for a *Thouſand Tongues to ſpeak for him, and a Thouſand Lives to lay down for him: Your Feet* would be *(like Hart's Feet) ſwift to run after him*; you'd *count all Things but Dung and Droſs in Compariſon of him*; you'd *gladly ſpend and be ſpent for him, and not count even your Life dear unto yourſelf, ſo that you might finiſh your Courſe with Joy.* I told her he was now *gathering his Summer Fruits, and counting up his Jewels*, and pray'd that ſhe might be *precious* in his Sight.

Wrote to *my beloved Brother William Wynn, at Briſtol*, among other Things, as follows. "*Help me by your* "*Prayers, that I may have a proſperous Journey to you by* "*this*

" *the Will of* God, *that I may be filled with your ſweet* " *Company, refreſh'd in my Spirit,* and *that we may rejoice* " *together for what* God *has done for our Souls*; and *for his* " *dear Church and People.* O my dear Brother! *My* " *Heart is enlarg'd towards you, my Bowels yern upon you*; " *very pleaſant have your Letters been to me, they have been* " *an Odour of a ſweet Smell*; *becauſe you have kept cloſe to* " *the Side of your dear Jeſus*; you have learnt *to Foot it in* " *his Paths,* and *to follow the Lamb whitherſoever he goeth.* " Tell me, my dear Brother, *Is not your Beloved as the* " *Apple-Tree among the Trees of the Wood? Have you not* " *ſat under his Shadow with great Delight?* And *has not his* " *Fruit been ſweet to your Taſte?* Has he not often ſaid, *My* " *Beloved is mine, and I am his?* Has he not often whiſper'd " in your Ear by his *ſtill ſmall Voice,* ſaying, *I have lov'd* " *thee with an everlaſting Love, therefore with Loving-kind-* " *neſs have I drawn thee*; *I will never leave thee, nor for-* " *ſake thee?* Theſe, and all other the *exceeding great and* " *precious Promiſes,* ſcatter'd up and down the *ſacred Ora-* " *cles* are, I truſt, your *Portion,* and you have a *Right* to " lay hold of them, for Jesus Christ *has purchaſed them,* " and left them as ſo many *Legacies to his Church*; they " are what every *Believer* daily lives upon; he can no " more live without his *Promiſe,* than a Miſer without " *his Intereſt.* "

Interceded till Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Bleſſed be GOD.

Lat. 49-29. Long. 64-24. *Monday, June* 9. Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, and read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms twice, Morning and Evening.

Wrote ſeveral Letters. Obſerved in one, " that God " had greatly bleſſed our Brother's *Labours in America,* and " that the more *Man oppoſed,* the more the *Work* goes on; " that our *Enemies,* like the *Canaanites, ſeem to have no* " *Spirit left in them, but fail every where becauſe of us*; " *aſham'd* as it were *to ſhew their guilty Heads.*—That at " *Charles Town* there was a *Free-Will* Baptiſt Teacher, " named *Heywood,* openly oppoſed *the Doctrines of Grace,* " like *Foſter,* but the *Congregation,* where he preach'd, re- " fuſed him the Uſe of their Meeting ſince. That the " *High-Prieſt* (the *Commiſſary of Charles-Town*) turn'd us " out of his Houſe, upon our Brother's telling him he ſhould " *exclaim* againſt him for *approving and allowing Balls and* " *Aſſemblies.* That at *Philadelphia, I truſted in the Lord*

" Jesus,

" JESUS, we had *demoliſh'd Satan's ſtrongeſt Hold*, viz. " *the Dancing, Aſſembly* and *Muſick Room*, they being all " *ſhut up* the Week we came away, and had *no Meeting* " for Two Nights before.—But what is moſt of all pleaſ- " ing is, that *the Lord is bringing Salvation* to the *poor deſ-* " *piſed Negroes*; many of them attend the *Word*, and ſome " in *Philadelphia* have actually *taſted the good Word of* " *Life, and felt the Powers of the World to come*, and " by Means of the intended *School* (which is *actually order'd* " *to be built*, and which I doubted not his Aſſiſtance in " promoting, as GOD ſhould enable him, among his Friends) " I did believe *GOD would prepare a Way for the Salva-* " *tion of many of them.*—I told him, *ſome few of the Cler-* " *gy* admitted our Brother into *their Pulpits*, but that moſt " of them were *violent Oppoſers*, eſpecially ſince our Bro- " ther has ſo openly condemned *Archbiſhop Tillotſon:* that, " *bleſſed be GOD*, that Deceiver was at laſt *diſcover'd*, " and *our Age* muſt have been *groſly wicked*, or his Works " could never have *paſſed* thus long *for current Goſpel*; but " that *I truſted in the Lord* JESUS, he was about to de- " liver his Church from ſuch *blind Guides.*

" I told him, that moſt of the *Diſſenting Clergy* (except- " ting Mr. *Tennants* and their *godly Aſſociates*) were I " feared alſo againſt us in their *Hearts*, tho' at preſent they " were *outwardly* civil; nay, *ſome pretend to water* what " is *planted by the Power of GOD, and* have ſet up *Lec-* " *tures*, but I feared they would *dawb with untemper'd* " *Mortar*, and build *Wood, Hay, Stubble*; for I was in- " form'd *one* of them *preach'd againſt the Neceſſity of giv-* " *ing an Account of our Converſion*, and that I heard *the* " *ſame Perſon* approach very near to *Juſtification by Works*, " but that *GOD would remove ſuch Builders out of his* " *Church, who corrupt the Word of GOD, and do not* " *preach the Truth as it is in JESUS.*"

In another Letter, I noted " Mr. *Whitefield's* Deſign, *by* " *the Will of God*, to have a *Town* upon our *Land* in *Pen-* " *ſilvania*, and to call it *Engliſh Town.*—Concerning *Arch-* " *biſhop Tillotſon*, I obſerved that our Brother had wrote a " *ſecond Letter againſt him*, which I believed would ſur- " prize moſt People, to ſee that ſuch *baſe Coin* ſhould *paſs* " *current* for ſo many Years, but that, *bleſſed be God*, the " *Traitor* was *diſcover'd.*—*Judas ſold his Lord for Thirty* " *Pieces of Silver*, the *Archbiſhop got a better Price, per-* " *haps Thirty Bags of Gold, or more*, that's all the Diffe-

" rence;

" rence; for the *Archbiſhop* was actually bred in *the Schools* " *of the Prophets*, was joined with many (as I believe) " *faithful Miniſters* in the *Morning Lecture* at *Cripplegate*, " before the *Reſtoration*; and I ſaw a *Sermon* of his at *Sa-* " *vannah*, bound up with the reſt of thoſe preached at that " *Lecture*.—It was not on a *fundamental Point*, but I dare " ſay, he would not have been admitted in thoſe *Lectures*, " had he preached the *Doctrine* he did when *Archbiſhop*.— " But *the Love of Money is the Root of all Evil*, and he " choſe *his good Things here*, a *Temporal* rather than an " *Eternal* Crown. I pray'd that he and I might avoid this " *Rock*, and *count all Things but Dung and Droſs, ſo that* " *we might win* CHRIST.

Writing to a *rich Friend*, I told him, " if *the Lord* " *ſhould incline him*, out of *Love* to *him*, to *contribute* to the " *Negroe-School*, I believed it would be *an Odour of a ſweet* " *Smell*; that I had wrote to him *freely* in my laſt, in *pure* " *Love to his precious Soul*, being *jealous over him with a* " *Godly Jealouſy*, knowing *how hard it is for a rich Man* " *to enter the Kingdom of Heaven*; that 'twas *a hard Mat-* " *ter* to *ſell all for* CHRIST, and unleſs *we ſold all our Sins* " *abſolutely*, and *our Riches in Affection*, I was ſure we could " not cloſe with *a crucified Redeemer*, *who had not where* " *to lay his Head*. Wrote another Friend, that our Bro- " ther was to go next Month, or in *Auguſt*, *by the Will of* " *God*, to *Boſton*, and to lodge at the Houſe of Mr. *Wil-* " *lard*, *Secretary of the Province*, where is great Expecta- " tion of him, ſo I hoped the Lord had *much People in* " *that City*. By all Accounts, tho' they have a ſtrict *out-* " *ward Diſcipline*, yet *the Power of Godlineſs* is extreme- " ly ſunk, not only among the *People*, but among the " *Paſtors and Teachers*, who, I fear *(Jeſhurun-like)* are " waxed fat, and kick againſt CHRIST.—Many, I be- " lieve, *hold the Truth in Unrighteouſneſs*, and I *truſt in* " *the Lord* JESUS, they will either be *convicted* or *con-* " *founded* by our *dear Brother's Miniſtry*. The *falſe Bot-* " *toms* of many in *New-York*, *Penſilvania*, and *New Jerſey*, " are already *diſcovered*, and, *bleſſed be God*, the *Word* " has been to *ſome Miniſters*, as well as *People*, *a Savour of* " *Life unto Life*. There were, before we came, *about* " *Eight or Nine Godly Miniſters*, who, (like the Mr. *Er-* " *ſkines*, and their *Aſſociates* in *Scotland)* were oppoſed by " the *carnal* Synod; theſe all immediately joined us, and " upon our Brother's coming, Four or Five are added to

" their

" their Number, who are *quickened* and *ſtrengthen'd to go*
" *about doing Good*, and *to preach the Everlaſting Goſpel*
" *in the Lanes and Streets. Thus is the Lord daily ſend-*
" *ing his Servants to ſeek out the loſt Sheep of our Iſrael*,
" and by Means of the *Negroe-School*, I truſt *a Way is*
" *making for them to become the Lord's People, which were*
" *not his People.*—I believe *the Lord is working a great*
" *Work upon the Earth*, and who knows but we are come
" to *the Dawnings of the Glory of the latter Day?*—tho'
" the *Work* is *very great* for the Time, and *the mighty*
" *Hand of God is ſeen therein*; yet I believe 'tis but *as*
" *a Grain of Muſtard-ſeed*, to what it will be. *Satan* has
" *triumph'd a long Time*, and *the Lord is now laying bare*
" *his Almighty Arm, to cruſh the haughty Foe. Happy thoſe*
" who are *liſted in Chriſt's Service to carry on the War a-*
" *gainſt Sin and Satan*, while *Nation is riſing againſt*
" *Nation, and Kingdom againſt Kingdom.*

Interceded 'till Midnight; and after then, laid me down in Peace. Bleſſed be the Name of my dear Lord JESUS.

Lat. 49-42. Long. 67-54. *Tueſday*, *June* 10. Sung and pray'd with Brother G——; read Prayers and ſung Pſalms Twice Morning and Evening. Wrote my *Journal*, and Two Letters to Two Ladies, to excite them to aſſiſt in the Contribution to the Negroe School, as *Fruit that might abound to their Account.*—This Morning the Ship-men deemed they drew near Land, and ſounded, but found no Ground.—In the Evening they ſounded again, and found it 75 Fathom. We alſo ſpoke with a *French* Ship bound from *St. Domingo* to *Havre de Grace*, and were well pleaſed to find ſhe was no Enemy.

Interceded 'till paſt Midnight, and went to Reſt in Peace. Bleſſed be God.

Lat. 49-35. Long. 70. *Wedneſday*, *June* 11. Read Part of a Book intitled, *Baxterianiſm Barefaced*; wherein are the following Account of Chriſtian *Paradoxes*, taken from Mr. *Herbert Palmer*, B. D. M. of *Queen's College*, *Cambridge.*

1. A *Chriſtian* is one who *believes* what his *Reaſon* cannot comprehend.

2. Who *hopes* for that which neither he or any Man alive ever ſaw.

3. He *labours* for that he knows he can never *attain* thereby.

4. Yet

4. Yet in the Iſſue his *Belief* appears not to have been falſe; his *Hope* makes him not aſham'd, and his *Labour* is not in vain.

5. He believes *three* to be *one*, and *one* to be *three*; a *Father* not to be elder than his *Son*, and the *Son* to be equal with the *Father*, and *one* proceeding from *both* to be fully equal to *Both*.

6. He believes in *one Nature* three Perſons, and in *one Perſon* two *Natures*.

7. He believes a *Virgin* to be a *Mother*, and her *Son* to be her *Maker*.

8. He believes *Him*, to be born in *Time* who was from *Everlaſting*; and to be ſhut up in *a narrow Room*, whom *Heaven* and *Earth* could never contain.

9. He believes *Him* to have been a *weak Child* carried in Arms, who is the *Almighty*; and him to have *died*, who only hath *Life* and *Immortality* in himſelf.

10. He believes *the GOD of all Grace* to have been angry with one who never offended him; and *the GOD that hates all Sin* to be reconciled to *himſelf*, tho' *ſinning* continually, and never making or being able to make *Satisfaction*.

11. He believes the *moſt juſt GOD* to have *puniſh'd a* moſt *innocent Perſon*; and to have *juſtified himſelf*, tho' a moſt *ungodly Sinner*.

12. He believes *himſelf* freely *pardon'd*, and yet that a ſufficient *Satisfaction* was paid for him.

13. He believes *himſelf* to be precious in *GOD*'s *Sight*, yet loaths *himſelf* in his *own Sight*.

14. He dares not *juſtify himſelf*, even in thoſe Things wherein he knows *no Fault* in himſelf: Yet he believes GOD accepts thoſe *Services* wherein himſelf is able to find *many Faults*.

15. He *praiſeth* GOD for his *Juſtice*, and *fears* him for his *Mercies*.

16. He is ſo *aſhamed*, that he dares not open his Mouth *before GOD*, yet comes with *Boldneſs to* GOD, and asks *any Thing* he needs.

17. He is ſo *humble* as to acknowledge himſelf to *deſerve* nothing but *Evil*, yet ſo *confident* as to believe GOD means him all *good*.

18. He is one that *fears always*, yet is as *bold as a Lion*.

19. He is often *ſorrowful* yet always *rejoicing*: Often *complaining*, yet always *giving of Thanks*.

20. He is moſt *lowly minded*, yet the *greateſt Aſpirer*; moſt *contented*, yet *ever craving*.

21. He bears a *lofty Spirit*, in a *mean Condition*; and when he is *aloft* thinks *meanly* of himſelf.

22. He is *rich* in *Poverty*, and *poor* in the midſt of *Riches*.

23. He believes all *the World* to be his, yet dares take *nothing* without *ſpecial Leave*.

24. He *covenants* with GOD for *nothing*, yet looks for the greateſt *Reward*.

25. He *looſes* his *Life*, and *gains* by it, and even while he *looſes* it, he *ſaves* it.

26. He lives not to *himſelf*, yet of all others is moſt wiſe *for himſelf*.

27. He *denies* himſelf often; yet no Man that moſt *pleaſes* himſelf, loves himſelf ſo well.

28. He is the moſt *reproached* and moſt *honoured*.

29. He hath the moſt *Afflictions* and moſt *Comfort*.

30. The more *Injuries* his *Enemies* do to him, the more *Advantage* he gets by them.

31. The *more* he himſelf *forſakes* of *worldly Things*, the *more* he enjoys of them.

32. He is moſt *temperate* of all Men, yet fares moſt *deliciouſly*.

33. He *lends* and *gives* moſt *freely*, yet is the greateſt *Uſurer*.

34. He is *meek* towards all Men, yet *inexorable* by Men.

35. He is the beſt *Child*, *Brother*, *Huſband*, *Friend*, yet hates *Father* and *Mother*, *Wife* and *Brethren*, *&c.*

36. He *loves* all Men as himſelf, yet *hates* ſome Men with perfect Hatred.

37. He deſires to have *more Grace* than *any* hath in the World, yet he is truly ſorry when he ſees any Man have *leſs* than himſelf.

38. He *knows* no Man after the *Fleſh*, yet gives to all Men their *due Reſpects*.

39. He knows if he *pleaſes Men*, he is *not the Servant of CHRIST*, yet for CHRIST's Sake he *pleaſes all Men in all Things*.

40. He is a *Peace-Maker*, yet continually, *fighting*, and an *irreconcilable Enemy*.

41. He believes him to be *worſe than an Infidel* who *provides not for his Family*, yet he himſelf lives and dies without Care.

42. He

42. He is *ſevere* to his Children, becauſe he *loves* them; and being *favourable* to his *Enemies*, revenges himſelf upon them.

43. He counts all his *Inferiors* his *Fellows*, yet ſtands ſtrictly upon his *Authority*.

44. He believes the *Angels* to be more *excellent Creatures* than himſelf, and yet counts *them* his *Servants*.

45. He believes he receives many good Turns *by their Means*, yet he never *prays* their Aſſiſtance, nor *craves their Prayers*, nor offers them *Thanks*, which yet he doth not diſdain to do to *the meaneſt Chriſtian*.

46. He believes himſelf to be a *King*, how *mean* ſoever he be; and how *great* ſoever he be, that he is not too good to be *Servant* to the pooreſt *Saint*.

47. He *receives not Honour from Men*, yet highly prizes *a good Name*.

48. He believes God hath *bidden* every Man that *doth him Good*, to do ſo; yet he, *of all other Men*, is the moſt thankful to them that do ought for him.

49. He would *lay down his Life* to ſave the *Soul* of his Enemy, yet will not *venture* upon *one Sin* to *ſave* his *Life* that hath ſaved his.

50. He believes Christ to have *no need of any Thing* he doth, yet makes Account he relieves Christ in all his *Members*.

51. He knows he can *do nothing of himſelf*, yet *labours to work out his own Salvation*.

52. He confeſſes he *can do nothing*, yet as truly profeſſes *he can do all Things*.

53. He knows that *Fleſh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God*, yet *believes he ſhall go to Heaven Body and Soul*.

54. He *trembles at God's Word*, yet counts it *ſweeter to him than Honey and the Honey Comb*, and *dearer than Thouſands of Gold and Silver*.

55. He believes that God will never *damn* him; and yet he *fears him* for being *able to caſt him into Hell*.

56. He knows he ſhall not be *ſaved* by his Works, and yet *doth all the good Works he can*, and believes he ſhall not be ſaved *without* them.

57. He knows *God's Providence* orders all Things, yet is *ſo diligent in his Buſineſs*, as if he were *to cut out his own Fortune*.

58. He believes before-hand GOD hath purpoſed what ſhall be, and that nothing can make him alter his Purpoſe; yet *prays* and *endeavours* as if he would *force GOD* to ſatisfy him *however*.

59. He *prays* and *labours* for what he *believes GOD means to give him*; and the more *aſſured he is*, the more *earneſt*.

60. He prays with all his Heart not to be *led into Temptation*, yet *rejoices when he is fallen into it*.

61. He believes his Prayers *to be heard* even *when they are denied*, and *gives Thanks for that which he pray'd againſt*.

62. He hath within him *Fleſh and Spirit*, yet is not *a double-minded Man*.

63. He is often *led away Captive by the Law of Sin*, yet it never gets the *Dominion over him*.

64. He *cannot ſin*, yet *he can do nothing without Sin*.

65. He *wavers* and *doubts*, and yet *obtains*: He is often *toſs'd and ſhaken*, yet like *Mount Zion*.

66. He is a *Serpent* and a *Dove*, a *Lamb* and a *Lion*, a *Reed* and a *Cedar*.

67. He thinks ſometimes GOD hath *no Mercy* for him, and yet *reſolves to die in the Purſuit of it*.

68. He *wreſtles with God, and prevails*; and tho' yielding himſelf *unworthy* of the *leaſt Bleſſing he enjoys already*, yet, *Jacob*-like, will not let GOD go without a *new* Bleſſing.

69. He ſometimes thinks himſelf to have *no Grace at all*, and yet how poor and afflicted ſoever he be beſides, he would not change Conditions with the moſt proſperous upon Earth, that is *a manifeſt Worldling*.

70. He thinks ſometimes the Ordinances of GOD do him *no Good* at all, and yet he would rather *part with his Life* than be *deprived* of them.

71. He was *born dead*, and yet ſo as it had been *Murder* to have taken his Life away.

72. When *Life* was firſt put into him, is ſometimes unknown; with *ſome* not until they had learned to *ſpeak*, with others, not until they were grown up to the Stature of a Man; and with others, not till they were ready to drop into their Graves for Age.

73. After he begins to *live*, he is ever *dying*; and tho' he has an *Eternal Life* begun in him, yet he makes Account he hath a *Death* to paſs through.

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74. He counts *Self-Murder* a moſt heinous Sin, yet he is ontinually buſied in *crucifying his Fleſh*, and putting to *Death* his *Earthly Members*.

75. He believes that his Soul and Body ſhall be as full of Glory as theirs that have more, and not more full than theirs hat have leſs.

76. He lives *inviſibly*, to thoſe that *ſee* him, and thoſe hat *know him beſt* do but *gueſs at him*; yet they ſometimes e *farther into him*, and *judge* more *truly* of him than himlf doth.

77. In fine, his *Death* makes not an *End* of him: His ul, which was *created for his Body*, and is not to be perfected *without his Body*, is *more happy* when it is *ſeparated* om it than it was all the while it was *united to it*; and his ody, tho' torn in Pieces, burnt to Aſhes, ground to Powr, or turn'd into Rottenneſs, ſhall be no Loſer. His *Advocate*, his *Surety* ſhall be his *Judge*, his *mortal* Part ſhall come *immortal*, and what was *ſown* in *Corruption* ſhall be iſed in *Incorruption* and *Glory*; and his *ſpiritual Part*, o' it had a *Beginning*, ſhall have no *End*, and himſelf a nite *Creature*, ſhall be poſſeſs'd *of an infinite Happineſs*.

Thus far Mr. *Palmer*, with very little Alteration. And would add, that,

78. He ſometimes finds *Nature* ſo ſtrongly oppoſe *Grace*, hat he wonders there is a Chriſtian in the World; at other imes, when *Grace* is *triumphant*, he wonders *all the Vorld* are not *Chriſtians*.

79. He is *rich* and *poor*, *wiſe* and *unwiſe*, *ſwift* and *ſlow*; ber, yet *beſide himſelf*; *weak* and *ſtrong*; *blind*, and yet n *ſee*; *deaf*, and yet *can hear*; *lame*, and yet can *walk*; aked, and yet *cloathed*; *dumb*, and yet can *ſpeak*; *filthy*, nd yet *clean*; *black* as *Hell*, yet *white* as *Snow*; a *Slave*, nd yet *redeem'd*; a *Servant*, yet at *Liberty*; a *Bondſman*, nd yet a *Freeman*; *married*, and yet *ſingle*.

80. He thinks the *Time long*, and yet no one thinks it *paſſes way* ſo *faſt*; he is *full*, and yet *hungry*; he has a Fountain f *living Water* within him, and yet he is *thirſty*; he calls othing *his own*, nor any Place *his Home*, yet counts *every lace his*, that *the Sole of his Foot ſhall tread upon*; he is ead, and yet *alive*; he was *a Child of Wrath*, and *Heir f Hell*, yet is now a *Child of Grace* and *Heir of Glory*; he the moſt careful of any Man to provide for *Futurity*, yet takes no Thought for the *Morrow*.

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Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, Morning and Evening. This being his *Majesty*'s *Accession*, read the Office and sung Psalms proper for that Occasion.—Wrote my *Journal*, and sundry Letters, to give my Friends an Account of the *Work of GOD*, and of my *Business* in *England*, concluding with *Exhortations* to them to lay hold on *the Promises of the Gospel*, which are the *Portion* of all *true Believers*, and earnestly besought them not to cease *wrestling with GOD*, 'till they were *applied*, and *set home* upon their Souls; especially those *sweet Words of CHRIST's*, which he whispers in the Ears of all the *Elect*, viz. "*Son or Daughter*, "*be of good chear thy Sins be forgiven thee*; *I have loved thee* "*with an everlasting Love, and with Loving-Kindness have* "*drawn thee*, &c.

Interceded 'till Midnight, and laid me down in Peace. Blessed be the LORD.

Lat. 49-50. *Thursday*, *June* 12. Last Night the Ship-men sounded, and found it sixty five Fathom. This Morning at Two o' Clock, they sounded, and found it sixty Fathom.—Seven Days ago I remark'd my desiring the Captain to *tack* the Ship, because she went a great Way from her *Course*, and that was the most likely Method for GOD to send us a *fair Wind*, which they were wishing for, accordingly, they turn'd the Ship about, and in Two Hours the Wind came *fair*, and continued 'till this Morning six Clock, in which Time we sail'd 976 Miles.

Spoke with a *Dutch* Ship, bound from *Amsterdam* to *Naples*, who told us we were near the *Rocks of Scilly*, which we saw presently after, but could not *Weather them*, so we turn'd about, and stood to the Westward.—O that we were as careful to avoid *Rocks* in our *Spiritual* Course; but the *Children of this World are wiser in their Generation than the Children of Light*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, and read Prayers Morning and Evening.

Wrote several Letters.—Observ'd in one, that GOD has greatly blessed our Brother's Labours in *America*, and has been pleased to *make manifest the Savour of his Knowledge* by him *in every Place*. *Hell* trembles before him, and the *Kingdom of Darkness* totters, and is shaken; the LORD is now *raising* the *fallen Tabernacle of David*, and is gathering together his *lost Sheep*. *The People which sat in Darkness have seen a great Light, and to those which sat in the Regi-*

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l Shadow of Death, Light is ſprung up.—The *poor Ne-*
es attend the *Word*, and ſome of them have been *reached*
the *Power* thereof, and have *felt* the *Saviour ſtirring in*
ir Hearts; and by Means of the intended *School*, (which
ctually order'd to be built) the LORD will probably bring *Sal-*
ion among them, and *make them his People, which were not*
People, and be *found of them that ſought him not*, and be
de manifeſt to them that asked not after him. And thus
ll the *Lord*, by this Means, *provoke to Jealouſy the Maſters*
our Iſrael, and by *a fooliſh Nation will he anger them.*
r this let us *thank our Heavenly Father, that he has hid*
ſe Things from the Wiſe and Prudent, and has revealed
m unto Babes, for ſo it ſeemed good in his Sight.—Deſired
would alſo help me to give Thanks for the many *Mercies*,
l abundant *Grace* beſtow'd on us ſince we left *England.*
he LORD has carried us thro' Eight *Provinces* in Winter-
me, in all about 1400 Miles by Land, and 10000 by
ater; and tho' in many *Perils*, yet *out of all the LORD*
ivered us, yea and will deliver thoſe that truſt in him.
Incloſed I ſent him our Brother's Letters againſt that plau-
le Deceiver *Archbiſhop Tillotſon*, whoſe Books have ſo long
witch'd the World.—Bleſſed be GOD, the Impoſture is
cover'd; nevertheleſs, for this our Brother expects *to ſuf-*
many Things, and to be ſet at nought by the *Rabbies* of
Church, and perhaps at laſt be *killed* by them.
Exhorted ſome other Friends, on this Occaſion, to *put*
the whole Armour of GOD, that we may be able to ſtand
the Evil Day and having done all to ſtand.
Wrote to the *Church* at *Bath*, that I was *by the Will of*
OD to paſs thro' *Worceſterſhire and Gloſter* to *Briſtol*, but
ether it be *his Will* I ſhould come to *them* I knew not
; however I deſired *whether I came to ſee them or elſe were*
ſent, I might hear of their Affairs, that they ſtood faſt in
Spirit, with one Mind, ſtriving together for the Faith
the Goſpel; *and in nothing Terrified by their Adverſaries*
ich was to them an evident Token of Perdition; *but to you*
Salvation and that of GOD.
After Evening Prayer, told the Sailors that I had obſerved
re *Swearing* among them the laſt Week than I had done
the Voyage; and tho' I thought thoſe preſent leſs guilty
n others, yet I told them, if they did not reprove it,
en they heard it, they were, in ſome meaſure, *Partakers*
the Guilt.—Exhorted them againſt *it*, from the Conſide-
ration,

ration, that if we *muſt give an Account for every idle Word*, much more *for every Oath*, which are every one *regiſter'd* in the *Book of Remembrance*, and would *every one* be *brought out againſt them at the Day of Judgment*, unleſs *waſhed away in the mean Time by the Blood of* JESUS CHRIST.—That tho' *Peter* was *once* overtaken in that *grievous Crime*, yet that no Perſon living *habitually* in any *one Sin* (much leſs an *habitual Swearer*) could *poſſibly* be in a State of *Salvation*.

Lat. 49-52. *Friday*, *June* 13. Sung and pray'd with Brother G——, and read Prayers and ſung Pſalms Morning and Evening. Wrote ſeveral Letters, was enlarged in Interceſſion, and went to Reſt in Peace. Praiſed be the Lord.

Lat. 49-21. *Saturday*, *June* 14. Writing to a rich Friend, I mention'd the Largeneſs of our Collections in *America*, which I told him I did to *provoke* him *by the Forwardneſs of others*, *not that I deſired a Gift*, *becauſe I was to be the Meſſenger of it*, *but I deſired Fruit that might abound to his Account*. I added as follows. St. *Paul* tells *Timothy* to *charge them who are rich in this World*, *that they be ready to give*, *glad to diſtribute*, *willing to communicate*, *laying up in Store for themſelves a good Foundation againſt the Time to come*, *that they may lay hold on Eternal Life*; *not truſting in uncertain Riches*, *but in the Living God*, *who giveth us all Things richly to enjoy*. My dear Brother, do not you *count all Things Dung and Droſs for the Excellency of the Knowledge of* CHRIST? And are not you content to ſuffer the Loſs of all Things, ſo that you may *win* CHRIST? Verily, you will not *repent* your *Bargain*.—I write thus *freely* out of *pure Love*, nor do I doubt your *ready Mind*, only I *thought meet to ſtir you up by way of Remembrance*. Salute your dear Spouſe, who I ſhall be glad to hear is become a *Wiſe Virgin*, and a *Follower of* CHRIST, like *Mary Magdalene*, *and* Mary *the Mother of* James *and* Joſes, *and the Mother of* Zebedee's *Children*, and alſo *Joanna*, *and other Women*, *who followed* JESUS *from* Galilee, *and miniſtred unto him of their Subſtance*; and why may not your Spouſe be as *holy*, *zealous*, and *pious* as they? For verily they were Perſons *of like Paſſions and Frailties with ourſelves*.

Wrote to Brother *Oxley* thus:

To

To my dearly beloved Brother in CHRIST, *and to all the Saints in* CHRIST *that are with you, Partakers of the Heavenly Gift, of the* HOLY GHOST *which is ſhed abroad in your Hearts; Grace, Mercy, and Peace from* GOD *our Father, and the Lord* JESUS CHRIST.

Beloved,

" I am coming over with Brother G——, as an unworthy *Meſſenger of the Churches* from our dear Brother " *Whitefield*, &c.—O my dear Friends, *my Heart is enlarged towards you, my Bowels yern upon you*, my Spirit " has been with you when *remaining in the broad Sea*, with " Winds and Waves around me, when *paſſing thro' the lonely Wilderneſs*, and when *ſurrounding the Throne of* " *my dear Redeemer.* Surely *the Glory of the latter Day is coming on, when Satan will be bound, and CHRIST reign in Righteouſneſs*; for 'tis impoſſible to expreſs with " what *Power* the *Kingdom of* CHRIST is coming in *America. Hell* trembles before our Brother wherever he " comes, and *Vice* ſculks its *guilty Head*, and *retires* to *ſecret Corners.* Praiſe GOD for this, *Praiſe* GOD *from whom all Bleſſings flow.* Help me by your Prayers, that " I may *fulfil my Buſineſs*, and return quickly to our Friends " at *Georgia* with Joy; becauſe the ſooner we return to " them, the ſooner you'll probably ſee our dear Brother.— " *Peace be with all that love our dear Lord* JESUS."

Wrote Mrs. *Vaughans* thus:

My dear Siſters,

" The Lord has done great Things for us ſince we ſaw " you; help us to give Thanks for the *abundant* Mercies " and *Grace beſtow'd on us.*—We have been preſerved from " *Perils by Land*, and from *Perils by Water.* Our GOD " has *appeared for us* wherever we went; made our Adverſaries aſhamed, and got *himſelf* the *Victory* in every " Place; in *Savannah*, in *Charles Town*, in *Philadelphia*, " and other Parts of *Penſilvania*, in *New Jerſey* and *New* " *York*; above all, the poor *Negroes* are like to become *the* " *Lord's People*; you know the Lord chuſes *the baſe Things* " *of the World to confound the Mighty and Strong*; *even ſo,* " *Father, for ſo it ſeemeth good in thy Sight.*

" O my dear Siſters, I truſt e'er now *the Love of GOD* " *is ſhed abroad upon your Hearts, and that you walk in* " *Truth and Love, as we have received a Commandment* " *from the Father.*

" *Herein is Love*; *not that we loved GOD, but that he* " *loved us, and ſent his Son to be the Propitiation for our* " *Sins: If then GOD ſo loved us, we ought alſo to love one* " *another. If we love one another, GOD dwelleth in us,* " *his Love is perfected in us*; *for GOD is Love, and he* " *that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in GOD, and GOD in* " *him. I have many Things to ſay, but will not with Pen* " *and Ink write, truſting in the Lord JESUS to ſee you* " *ſhortly, and ſpeak Face to Face.* Mean while, *greet each* " *other with a Kiſs of Charity, and greet the Friends by* " *Name.*"

Wrote to a rich *Quaker* thus:

" If GOD ſhall incline you, for Love to his dear Son, " to contribute to the *Negroe-School*, I believe it will be an " *acceptable Service* to JESUS CHRIST. I had an Oppor- " tunity, going over, to read both Volumes of *G. Fox's* " *Journal*, and Part of *Seawell's Hiſtory*, and I believe no " People ever ſuffer'd for Conſcience-ſake more than your " *Friends*; but I am ſorry to ſay I found but *little* of *the* " *ſame Spirit* among the *preſent Profeſſors:* You know *all* " *are not Iſraelites that are of Iſrael*; and *the Seed of the* " *Serpent*, let it be in what Profeſſion it will, *muſt perſecute* " *the Seed of the Woman*; *as it was formerly* with the " Apoſtles, *ſo it is now*, Part of your Friends held *with us*, " and Part *with our Adverſaries*; for wherever *the Goſpel* is " preached *with Demonſtration of the Spirit, and with Pow-* " *er*, it preſently makes *a Diviſion among the People, One* " *againſt Two, and Two againſt Three*; *the Father againſt* " *the Son, and the Son-in-Law againſt the Father-in-Law*; " *and a Man's Foes are thoſe of his own Houſe.* 'Tis the " Croſs of CHRIST which *natural, carnal, worldly* Men " *ſtumble at.* My Prayer for you and yours, dear Sir, " is, that you may be *rich in good Works, rich in Faith.*— " Pardon my Freedom, I think it proceeds *from Love to* " *our dear Lord* JESUS, not becauſe I am to be *the Meſſen-* " *ger of this Miniſtration for the poor Negroes* do I deſire a " Gift, *but I deſire Fruit that may abound to your Account.* " Salute my dear Friend *Fowler*, and all that love the Lord " JESUS. From, *&c.*"

Wrote to my Brother, the Clergyman, thus:

" I wrote you many Letters before I left *England.*—O " that I may hear you are become *a deſpiſed Follower of a* " *crucified Redeemer!* Believe me, I ſhould *rejoice* more " than

" than to hear *your Corn and Wine and Oil is increaſed.* If " *Prayers* can prevail to pull you from a *carnal* World, " they have not, they ſhall not (thro' Grace) be wanting. " O how often have I wiſhed for you, to have pleaded with " you! Methinks I could have brought Argument upon " Argument, *Line upon Line, Precept upon Precept.*—But " perhaps *my Letters* are troubleſome; perhaps *my Company* " would be more ſo.—If you are ſtill *of the World*, I fear " I muſt complain with *Job*, *My Friends ſcorn me, he hath* " *put my Brethren far from me, and my Acquaintance are* " *verily eſtranged from me; my Kinsfolk have failed, and* " *my familiar Friends have forgotten me; all my inward* " *Friends abhorred me, and they whom I loved are turned* " *againſt me:* Or with the Pſalmiſt, *I am become a Stran-* " *ger to my Brethren, and an Alien to my Mother's Children;* " *my Lovers and my Friends haſt thou put away from me,* " *and hid mine Acquaintance out of my Sight.—I am a Re-* " *proach among my Neighbours, and a Fear to my Acquain-* " *tance; they that did ſee me without, fled from me.* GOD " forbid my dear Brother ſhould help to *fulfil* theſe *Scrip-* " *tures* in *me*, rather could I wiſh they were *fulfilled in* " *you*; for ſurely you would not be *aſhamed* to *ſuffer* with " ſuch Company as *Job* and *David*, much leſs ſhould you " be *aſhamed to ſuffer with* CHRIST; for if you *ſuffer*, you " ſhall *reign* with him.—O my dear Brother, *break with* " *the World* at *once*, and *come away to* CHRIST.—Come " and join with Brother *Benjamin* and me.—*Liſt in Chriſt's* " *Service; count all Things Dung and Droſs for the Excel-* " *lency of the Knowledge of* CHRIST.—*Be content to ſuffer* " *the Loſs of all Things, ſo you may win him.*—Verily, you " will *not repent your Bargain*; for *he is more precious than* " *Rubies, and all the Things you can deſire are not to be* " *compared unto him.*——Dear Brother, O come upon " CHRIST's *Side*, for you cannot ſtand *neuter:* He that is " not *for* CHRIST is *againſt him*; the *War is begun* be-" tween *Michael* and *the Dragon*, and which do you think " will get the Victory? "

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*—— Morning and Even-ing.—Read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms in the Morning.—Read Prayers, and gave a brief Exhortation to the Sailors, in the Evening.—Interceded 'till near One o' Clock, and went to Reſt in the Arms of my dear Saviour. Praiſed be his Holy Name for ever.

Sunday, June 15. Saw the Land this Morning, being on the Coaſt of *Devonſhire*, near the *Start Point*.—Thanked GOD for the Sight of our Native Country.—Pray'd that we might be prepared for going into a *naughty World*, and that tho' we were *in the World*, we might not be *of it*, but kept from the *Evil* of it.

Wrote to Brother *Humphrys* thus: "GOD hath greatly "bleſſed our Brother's Labours in *America*; the Succeſs "which attends him is amazing and wonderful.—At the "*Orphan-Houſe* we have Seventy in Family, and are daily "increaſing with Children, Tradeſmen, Servants, Builders, "Labourers, *&c.* At *Charles-Town* we have been Twice, "and the ſecond Time collected 70*l. Sterling*, at one Ser- "mon, for the *Orphan-Houſe*.—At *Philadelphia* we have "been twice, and the ſecond *Time* collected 140*l. Sterling*, "on one Lord's Day in the Fields, where was, by "Computation, 15000 Auditors. At *New Brunſwick*, a "ſmall Town in *New Jerſey*, we were Twice, and col- "lected 25*l. Sterling* on one Lord's Day, beſides Collecti- "ons which were to be made at our Brother's going the "ſecond Time to *New York*, and other Places in *New* "*Jerſey* and *Penſilvania*.—By this you may judge ſome- "what of the Greatneſs of *the Work of GOD*, tho' 'tis im- "poſſible to expreſs in few Words the Greatneſs of it. The "Lord is about to anſwer his People's Prayers, for *more* "*Labourers to be ſent into the Harveſt*; for *Miniſters* have "been lately *ſpirited up* to *go about doing Good*, and to preach "the *everlaſting Goſpel* in the *Lanes and Streets*, *beſides* "*Eight or Nine faithful Paſtors*, *who were ſeeking the loſt* "*Sheep of CHRIST* before we came, and who immediate- "ly join'd us, *ſtrengthen'd our Hands*, *gave us the Right* "*Hand of Fellowſhip*, and have been themſelves much "*quick'ned* and *enliven'd* by our coming. The ſaid Miniſ- "ters are much like Mr. *Erskines*, and his *Aſſociates* in "*Scotland*, and are in the ſame Manner oppoſed by the "*idle Shepherds*, their *carnal Brethren* of the *Synod*. How- "ever, at preſent, the Lord reſtrains them from openly "oppoſing of us; nay, ſome of them *ſtrike in with the* "*Current*, and ſeeing which Way the Stream runs, pretend "to *water* what is planted by the *Power of GOD*; but I "fear they will *dawb with untemper'd Mortar*, and build "*Wood*, *Hay*, *Stubble*, upon the *Rock CHRIST JESUS*. "However, *the Foundation of GOD ſtandeth ſure*, *having*

"*this*

" *this Seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His,* and none
" that are *His* can finally be deceived: But GOD, I truſt,
" will purge his *Church* of *falſe Teachers,* and *Corrupters*
" *of his Word.*—Bleſſed be GOD, that grand Deceiver,
" *Archbiſhop Tillotſon,* is laid open and diſcover'd, as you'll
" ſee by the incloſed. Help me to give Thanks for the a-
" bundant Grace beſtowed on us, particularly for the Sal-
" vation that is coming to the poor *Negroes.* I doubt not
" your Readineſs to aſſiſt in the Collection for them, if in
" your Power; nay, and I am perſwaded, *beyond your Pow-*
" *er, you are willing of your ſelf; ſo that I need not ſay any*
" *Thing farther. I have many Things to ſay, but I truſt I*
" *ſhall ſee you at Mr.* Bray's, *Braſier, in* Little-Brittain,
" where, by the Will of GOD, I am to lodge; and till
" you have *convenient Time* to come, pray write to me *of*
" *all your Affairs,* and how *the Work of GOD* goes on at
" your Society at *Deptford,* and alſo at *Burford, Glouceſ-*
" *terſhire.* I direct this to my dear Brother *Kent,* as well
" as you, deſiring, if one is abſent, the Letter may be ſent
" to the other; and deſiring alſo, that Brother *Kent* will let
" me know how the Word proſpers at *Hertford,* and whe-
" ther there's any viſible Increaſe of the Seed ſown. I am
" to both,

an unworthy Servant of the Lord JESUS,

W. Seward.

Sung and pray'd with Brother G——, Morning and Evening. Read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms in the Morning, and read a Sermon of Mr. *Whitefield*'s, intitled, *Worldly Buſineſs no Plea for the Neglect of Religion,* on this Text, *Let the Dead bury their Dead.*—After Evening Service, Mr. *White* gave a very moving Exhortation to excite our Thankfulneſs for the Mercies we had received in the Voyage; particularly, that we had ſuch a regular Method for the Worſhip of GOD, not frequently to be met with at Sea, the more was the Pity. Then he pray'd very powerfully, and preach'd upon theſe Words, in *John* xix. 30. " *It is fi-*
niſhed;" ſhewing, that JESUS CHRIST had *finiſhed our Redemption on the Croſs, had paid the Debt we owed, and had open'd a new and living Way into the Holy of Holies, by his own Blood*; but then this *Redemption* is *peculiar,* and *reaches none but his Elect, which were given to him by the Father from Eternity,* and make up his *myſtical Body,* without *whom* his *Human Nature* would be *imperfect,* foraſmuch as he is the *Head* of the *Church,* which is his Body;

and

and we know the *Head*, tho' *in all Things it hath the Pre-eminence*, yet is *nothing* without the *Body*, and Jesus Christ is the *Saviour of the Body*, (*Eph.* v. 23.) that is, of his *Body* the *Church*, and of *none else*; for 'tis the Members of *Christ alone*, whose Names are *written* in Heaven *in the Book of Life*, as the Psalmist says, and *in thy Book were all my Members written*.—CHRIST was *elected*, Is. xlii. 1. 1 *Pet.* ii. 6. the *Church* was *elected*, 1 Pet. v. 13. the *Saints* were *elected*, the *Angels* were *elected*; and all was done *before the Foundation of the World*, even from *Eternity*.—In short, all our *Salvation* is *according to the Election of Grace*, without which *we* could never have *obtained it*, but must have been *blinded*, as well as the *rest of Mankind*, (Rom. xi. 7.) who were also *appointed* (1 *Pet.* ii. 8.) and *ordained* to their *Condemnation*, (Jude iv.) as the *Elect* to their *Salvation*.—But *all Men cannot receive this Saying, save they to whom it is given; he that is able to receive it, let him receive it.*

Wrote several Letters; interceded 'till Midnight, and went to Rest in Peace. Praised be the Lord.

Munday, June 16. This Day we passed by *Peveral Point, Dorsetshire*, and drew near *the Isle of Wight*.—Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, Morning and Evening.—Read Prayers, and sung Psalms in the Morning, and after Evening Prayers was moved to give the Sailors an Exhortation, from a Consideration that it might be, perhaps, the last Time I should have an Opportunity to speak to them for the Good of their Souls.—I desired them to consider the great Mercies we had received in having so pleasant and safe a Passage. I appeal'd to their own Consciences, whether, upon a *Temporal View* only, it was not much preferable to live, as (blessed be GOD) we had done, in much Peace and Quietness, with a regular Attendance on the Worship and Service of GOD, than to be, as is most commonly the Case, in much Tumults, Swearings, Cursings, Debates, Strifes, Envyings, Stripes, Whippings, Brawlings, and every evil Work.

From a Text in the second Lesson, I was excited to press them to a due Examination of themselves, whether they were in *the Faith*, or not; to put themselves on the *Trial*, and *prove themselves*, by this Text, *that JESUS CHRIST must be in them, that is*, they must be *Partakers of the* self-same *Divine Nature* as he was, *unless we are Reprobates*. That there was no *Medium*, *one*, or the *other*, we must be. That if the *Gifted* Church of *Corinth* needed this Exhortation

tion from St. *Paul*, much more we, who have not thoſe *Gifts*.—I told them, the *beſt Chriſtians* had many *Doubts*, and often put themſelves on this *Search*, which could do no *Harm*, whereas *much Damage* aroſe from a Conceit that we were in *the Faith*, becauſe we were *baptized*, or had heard of ſuch a Perſon as JESUS CHRIST, from our Cradles, or becauſe we repeated our *Creed* every Lord's Day: And that 'twas a certain Sign that Perſon was not in *the Faith* who never had look'd into his Soul, in order to be aſſured of it. I pray'd GOD to direct them in this Search, and ſo concluded.

Wrote as follows to Mr. *William Delamotte*.

" It much rejoiced me to hear at *Savannah*, that the " *Lord had ſent you forth to water, to plant, and to build* " *up*.—O my dear Brother, 'tis an Honour to be a *Door-* " *keeper in the Houſe of GOD*, much more to be *a Pillar* " *in his Church*. Go forth then, and *be ſtrong in the Lord*, " and *in the Power of his Might*.—*Pull down Satan's ſtrong* " *Holds by the Arm of GOD's everlaſting Strength*.—May " *the Lord* JEHOVAH *be your Support*, and *the mighty* " *GOD of* Jacob your *Defender*.—May he *hide you in the* " *Shadow of his Hand*, and *make you a poliſhed Shaft in his* " *Quiver*.—May the *Word* in your *Mouth* be *like a Fire* " *and Hammer, to melt the frozen, and break the rocky* " *Hearts of Sinners*.—May you be a *Boanerges*, to *awaken* " *a ſleepy World* with the *Thunder* of the *Almighty's Power*. " O my Brother, *cry aloud, ſpare not, lift up your Voice* " *unto them*; and when you have brought your Hearers to " *Tremble* and *fear exceedingly, by the* Mount Sinai *Threat-* " *nings of a Sin-avenging GOD*; when you have *wound-* " *ded* them to the *Quick*, by the *two-edged Sword of his* " *fierce Wrath*; when *the Sroke of their Wound* ſhall make " them cry out, *Men and Brethren, what ſhall we do?* " When you find them *weep bitterly for Anguiſh of Soul,* " *and for Vexation of Spirit*; *then*, and not 'till *then, ap-* " *ply the precious Balm of* Gilead, the *healing Blood of a* " *redeeming Saviour*; then, *diſplay the Riches of free Grace* " *abounding to the chief of Sinners*; ſo ſhall you *rightly di-* " *vide the Word of Truth*, and you ſhall be a *Workman* " *that need not be aſhamed*.—But hold, who am I writing " to? One that I want to learn of, and not to teach; for I " am but *a Babe in CHRIST* an *Infant in Grace*, not *wean-* " *ed from the Breaſts*, but *requiring daily to be born on the*

" *Sides*

" *Sides of my Saviour*, and *to be dandled on his Knees*; and
" yet, *feeble as I am, behold! (O 'tis all free ſovereign*
" *Grace*) I am now *ſent* by our dear Brother *Whitefield*, as
" *a Meſſenger of the Churches*, to tranſact ſeveral *momen-*
" *tary Affairs, relating to the Kingdom of our dear Lord JE-*
" *SUS CHRIST.*

I am to take over our dear Brother *Hutchins*, to ſupply our Brother *Whitefield*'s Place, while he comes over himſelf in the Spring: Alſo to tranſact ſeveral Affairs with the *Truſtees of Georgia*, and to raiſe Money to pay for Five Thouſand Acres of Land we have bought in *Penſilvania*, in order to erect a *Negroe-School* upon, and to ſettle an *Engliſh Town*, with ſuch Friends whoſe Hearts GOD ſhall incline to go over next Year, in a Ship we are to buy for that Purpoſe, of which Brother *G*---- is to be Commander, who comes over with me, and *ſalutes you in the Lord.* Pray for us, *that the Lord may ſend us good Speed, and proſper our Way.*

N. B. I am to make Collections with Brother *Hutchins* for the ſaid *Negroe School.* I am

Your unworthy Servant in the Lord JESUS,
W. Seward.

Made up, and ſeal'd about One Hundred Letters the Lord hath enabled me to write for *London* and the *Country*.—May the Lord *breathe upon them by his Holy Spirit*, and rejoice the Hearts of thoſe to whom they are directed, and may I be comforted by the Anſwers I ſhall receive, to hear *of the coming of the Kingdom of our dear Lord.*

Prepared our Things in Order for going on Shore.—Interceeded with my *ſweet* JESUS 'till paſt One o' Clock, and went to Reſt with Joy. *Bleſſed and Praiſed be his Holy Name for ever.*

Tueſday, June 17. Wrote to Siſter *Hopſons* as follows:

My dear Siſters in CHRIST,

" I wrote you a few Lines from Sea, and from *Savan-*
" *nah*, in Mr. *Whitefield*'s Letters.—The Lord knoweth
" my Heart, when ſurrounding the Throne of my dear
" JESUS. Methinks I ſee each of you placed as bright *Se-*
" *raphims* in the Manſions of Bliſs.—*As one Star differeth*
" *from another Star in Glory*, ſo methinks you ſeem to *ſhine*
" with a *reſulgent Splendor* above the reſt of the *Heavenly*
" *Hoſt*. My dear Siſters, I write not thus *to puff you up*
" with high Conceits of yourſelves; contrariwiſe, how
" ſhould it *abaſe* and *humble us* in our *own Sight!* to conſi-
" der

" der that *the Great GOD of Heaven and Earth* ſhould " thus exalt ſuch *poor nothing Worms* as we are, *to ſit in* " *Heavenly Places in* CHRIST.—What Reaſon can we " give for this? Truly, no other than *the Sovereign Eter-* " *nal Good-Will and Pleaſure of our gracious GOD, the* " *Almighty Potter, who forms of the ſame Clay one Veſſel to* " *Honour, and another to Diſhonour.* How ſhould this ex- " cite our *Zeal* for his Honour and Glory! Help me, my " Siſters, to give Thanks for the *abundant Grace* beſtow'd " on me ſince I ſaw you, in preſerving me from *Perils* " by *Land* and by *Water*; above all, for the many *gracious* " *Viſits* he has *vouchſafed* me, and *Promiſes* he has made " me.—*As the Apple-Tree among the Trees of the Wood, ſo* " *is my Beloved among the Sons. I have often ſat down un-* " *der his Shadow with great Delight, and his Fruit has* " *been ſweet to my Taſte.*—But then, my Siſters, leſt you " ſhould *think of me more highly than you ought to think*, I " muſt tell you, that my corrupt Heart often, very often, " caſts up *Mire* and *Dirt*, a *Miſt* and *Darkneſs* between " me and my JESUS.—I am perſwaded, for my *Tens* you " have your *Hundreds*, and for my *Thouſands* you have " your *Ten Thouſands* of his gracious Viſits; and I *rejoice* " in this, yea, and will *rejoice*, and pray that you both may " be *chaſte Virgins to* CHRIST.—Pray for me, that I may " ſit at your Feet, and behold *your Glory* reflected from the " *Throne of Glory.*—O my Siſters, what ſhall I ſay in ſo " ſmall a Compaſs? I truſt I ſhall ſee you, *and ſpeak Face* " *to Face, that our Joy may be full.*—You'll expect to hear " a Word or two concerning my Buſineſs. I am ſent by " our dear Brother *Whitefield*, that's enough. One or " other of the *Brethren* will tell you all at large in due " Time. I am to take over Brother *Hutchins*, to ſupply " our Brother's Place, while he comes to *England* himſelf " in the Spring; and I am to collect *Subſcriptions* for a " *Negroe-School* in *Penſilvania*; having bought Land there " to begin a little *Hernhoot* upon: with *Engliſh* Friends to go " over next Year with Brother *Whitefield* in a *Ship*, we " are to buy for that Purpoſe.—Pray for our good Succeſs. " Brother G——comes with me and greets you in the " Lord.

Wrote ſeveral other Letters.—Read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms in the Morning.—Read Prayers at Night, after the Lieutenant of a Man of War had preſs'd our Men. I was very ſorry for *Edward Cook*, the Sailor mention'd before,

who I believe *fears GOD*; and I gave him ſeveral Sermons at his own Requeſt. I alſo gave the *Lieutenant* a Sermon, and the Three Letters about *Archbiſhop Tillotſon* and the *Negroes*.—Our polite Reaſoner would fain have ſaved a Relation by ſeveral *ſpecious Pretences*, but all would not do: For my Part, I was grieved to hear any Thing ſaid that was not ſtrictly true, but pleaſed to find that the Almighty GOD would not let Falſhood prevail. Beſides, the Perſon in whoſe Favour 'twas pleaded, ſeem'd fitteſt for ſuch *Reprobate Company* as is uſually on board *Men of War*, becauſe he *hated to be reform'd*, and *juſtified himſelf* when I *reproved* him for *Swearing*, to which he ſeem'd more addicted than any, except the Boatſwain.

The *Lieutenant* told me, my *Brother* the *Clergyman* had a Living of 400 *l. per Annum* given him by Lord *Burlington* in *Derbyſhire*. That ſince Lord *Charles Fitzroy*'s Death, to whom he was *Tutor*, he had been *Chaplain* to a *Man of War*, commanded by Lord *Auguſtus Fitzroy*; which *Chaplainſhip* he had procured for a Friend.—I remember the Time when ſuch News as this would have much *rejoiced my Heart*, when I had no other View but *Temporal Worldly Proſperity*.—And when the *Lieutenant* told me he knew a Gentleman of my Name and *Profeſſion*, a Spark of Hope darted into my Mind, that my *Brother* was *converted*; but when I found he thought me a *Clergyman*, my *Hopes* vaniſh'd, and my *Fears* increaſed, leſt this *new Acceſſion* of *Worldly Grandeur* ſhould ſet my *poor* Brother *farther from the Kingdom of God than he was before*.—Be it ſo, *it is the Lord's doing*, and *his Will*, *not mine*, *be done*.—Nevertheleſs, *God forbid I ſhould ceaſe praying for him*; becauſe tho' *a Rich Man's Converſion* is *impoſſible* in the Sight of *human Underſtanding*, yet not with GOD, *for with GOD all Things are poſſible*.

The Lord knoweth my Heart, it would rejoice me infinitely more to hear that my *Brother* had *ſuffered the Loſs of all Things*, *that he might win* CHRIST, than to hear he was made *Archbiſhop of Canterbury*.

Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——, and being a little indiſpoſed, went to Reſt in the Arms of the Lord JESUS.

Wedneſday, *June* 18. Bleſſed be GOD, I had a ſweet and refreſhing Night's Sleep.—Came up near *Beachy-Head*; ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms; invited the Man of War's Men, but *they all with one Conſent began to make Excuſe*, ſo we perform'd our Service

Service without them. My Indiſpoſition continuing, I ate no Dinner, but retired, and had ſweet Communion with my dear JESUS; after that, I was enabled to write the following Letter to Mrs. *Thornberry*, a *poor* Woman *of this World*, but one who is *rich in Faith*, and *an Heir of the Kingdom which GOD hath promiſed to them that love him.*

My dear Siſter in CHRIST,

" I wrote you from Sea, as we went over to *Philadel-*
" *phia*, ſince which the Lord hath mercifully preſerved us
" in paſſing thro' Eight Provinces, about 1400 Miles by
" Land, in every one of which our Brother *Whitefield*
" *preached the Goſpel of* CHRIST.—GOD has greatly own'd
" him every where; and tho' we ſaw *great Things* in *Eng-*
" *land*, yet in many Reſpects we have ſeen *greater* in *Ame-*
" *rica*, where the *Kingdom of* CHRIST *comes with infinite*
" *Power.*"

After mentioning my Buſineſs, and the *Negroe-School*, I proceeded:

" Thus is the Lord bringing *Salvation* to the poor de-
" ſpiſed *Negroes*, ſome of whom have already *felt the Sa-*
" *viour ſtirring in their Hearts.*—O my dear Siſter, ſurely
" theſe are Signs *the LORD the mighty GOD is about to*
" *bring ſome great Thing to paſs*; Who knows but this may
" be the Beginning of *the Glory of the latter Day?* But the
" *Saints* muſt firſt *bear their Teſtimony*, and follow their
" Captain to *Mount Calvary*, and after that *they ſhall have*
" *Part in the firſt Reſurrection*, and they ſhall be *Prieſts of*
" *GOD and of CHRIST*, and *ſhall live and reign with*
" *him a Thouſand Years.*—O my dear Siſter, does not your
" Heart burn within you to think of *the Glory of that Day*,
" when *all Tears ſhall be wiped away*, and an *End* will be
" put *to Sin, and to Corruption*, and to *Pain*; then ſhall
" our *Adverſary Satan*, and his *accurſed Crew*, be *bound in*
" *the Bottomleſs Pit.*—I have many Things to ſay, but *will*
" *not with Paper and Ink* write unto you, *truſting* I ſhall
" ſee you *Face to Face*, and be able to *adminiſter* ſome
" *Comfort* to you; mean while, I *commend you to GOD,*
" *even the Father of our Lord* JESUS CHRIST, *the Father*
" *of Mercies, and the GOD of all Comfort, who comforteth*
" *us in all our Tribulation; for as the Sufferings of* CHRIST
" *abound in you, ſo I am perſwaded your Conſolation alſo a-*
" *boundeth by* CHRIST, knowing that *as you are Partaker*

" *of the Sufferings, ſo ſhall ye be alſo of the Conſolation. Sa-*
" *lute all the Saints in* CHRIST JESUS, from
Your weak, but affectionate Brother in CHRIST.

Wrote the following Letter to the Reverend Mr. *Sparke.*

Reverend and dear Sir,

" I am ſure you will be glad to hear of our dear Brother
" *Whitefield*'s Welfare, and of the *coming of the Kingdom*
" *of our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST.*—GOD hath greatly
" bleſſ'd our Brother's Labours at the *Orphan-Houſe*, where
" we have about Forty Children, that were moſt of them
" miſerable Objects.—The Lord preſerved us in travelling
" thro' Eight *Provinces*, from *New York* thro' *New Jer-*
" *ſey*, *Penſilvania*, *Maryland*, *Virginia*, *North* and *South*
" *Carolina*, to *Georgia*; in *all* which Places our Brother
" *preach'd the Goſpel of CHRIST*, eſpecially in the Three
" firſt and Two laſt, with amazing Succeſs.—*Vice ſculk'd its*
" *guilty Head, and retired in ſecret Corners* wherever we
" came.—Our Brother's Labours are inceſſant in *America*,
" as they were in *England.* Tho' in many *Perils*, yet *out*
" *of all the Lord delivered us, yea, and will deliver thoſe*
" *who truſt in him: ſtill as the Day was, ſo our Strength*
" *was*; *and by waiting on the Lord, our Strength was daily*
" *renewed*,—My dear Brother, I hope your Soul *grows in*
" *Grace*, and that you will be more enlightened to ſee the
" *Richneſs* and *Freeneſs* of *GOD*'s *Grace to poor Sinners*;
" that *Love to our dear Lord JESUS CHRIST will con-*
" *ſtrain you* to lay out yourſelf in his Service, and make you
" willing to *ſpend and be ſpent for the Good of Souls, and*
" *not count even your Life dear unto yourſelf, ſo you may fi-*
" *niſh your Courſe with Joy.*—I pray the Almighty GOD to
" *enable* you *rightly to divide the Word of Truth*, ſo that
" you may be *a Workman, which need not be aſhamed.*—O
" my dear Brother, *my Heart is enlarged towards you*, my
" *Bowels yern upon you*; and tho' I am *weak* myſelf, and
" but *a Babe in CHRIST*, yet this is *my Wiſh* towards you
" and my Friends, *even your Perfection.—Now to him that*
" *is of Power to ſtabliſh you, according to the Truth of the*
" *Goſpel, and the preaching of* JESUS CHRIST *(even the*
" *Myſtery which hath been hid from Ages and Generations,*
" *but now is made manifeſt to the Saints) to GOD only Wiſe,*
" *be Glory, thro'* JESUS CHRIST, *for ever. Amen.* I am
Your unworthy Servant in CHRIST.

Wrote "

Wrote other Letters.—Were boarded by three Tenders, to ſee if our Hands were preſſed. Had ſome of the new Company to Evening Prayers, when we ſung Pſalms, then ſung and pray'd with Brother *G*——; and my Indiſpoſition continuing, I went to *Reſt*, by Faith, in the Arms of my dear JESUS.

Thurſday, June 19. Wrote to Brother *Cennick* as follows.

" I am ſent over, *by the Will of GOD*, as *an unworthy* " *Meſſenger of the Churches*, to fetch our dear Brother *Hutch-* " *ins*, if the Lord ſhall make him willing to obey the Call, " to help our dear Brother *Whitefield*, in the great Work " to which he is called, and to ſupply his Place at the *Or-* " *phan-Houſe*, while he comes to *England* himſelf at our " Return, which therefore muſt be as faſt as poſſible, after " I have *fulfilled my Buſineſs* which I have in Charge for " *our dear Lord's Sake*; Part of which is, to collect Sub- " ſcriptions to erect a *Negroe-School* in *Penſilvania*, where " we have bought Land for that Intent, and for a *Refuge* " to our *Engliſh Friends*, who may ſuffer *Perſecution* at " Home *on Account of the Word*. Brother *G*——is with " me having left the Care of our little *Ark* to the *Mate*, " whoſe Heart GOD has been graciouſly pleaſed to convert. " Brother *G*——is to command a Ship we are to buy next " Year, when our Brother *Whitefield* comes over, in order " to carry *ſuch Friends* to the ſaid *Land* in *Penſilvania*, " who ſhall be *appointed thereto by the Father of our Lord* " JESUS CHRIST.—And now, my *dear Brother*, how " ſhall I *rehearſe*, in a little Compaſs, *what GOD has done*, " and *is daily doing*, by *our Brother* in *America*, where, it " ſeems probable, will be the greateſt Scene of Action for " him in his future Life. I believe the *Goſpel will ſpread* " *thro' all Nations*, but the *Inſtruments* thereof, you know " are in GOD's Hands.—Our Brother may viſit *England*, " as St. *Paul did Judea*, ſometimes, but his Stay is always " like to be ſhort, for between the *Orphan-Houſe* and *Ne-* " *groe-School*, and a *Region* of 1500 Miles extent, from " *New-England* to *Georgia*, he will have full Employment " *to preach the Goſpel of CHRIST*; for I ſuppoſe *they will* " *not bear his Teſtimony concerning* CHRIST *much longer in* " England. O my *dear Brother*, I beſeech you to pray " that *the Lord may direct my Way unto you*, and that I " may by you *be refreſh'd in my Spirit*, for *the Lord know-* " *eth my Heart*, you are very *precious* in my Sight, *even to live*

" *and*

" *and die with you*, if it were *our Father's Will*; but *this*
" *World*, you know, is not a Place of much Union *in Pre-*
" *ſence*, tho' *in Heart* the Lord knoweth how often I have
" *borne you before him.*—O that I was worthy to ſubſcribe
" myſelf *Your affectionate Brother in* CHRIST.

Wrote another Letter.—Sung and pray'd with Brother *G*——. Read Prayers, and ſung Pſalms in the Morning. A Boat coming off from *Haſtings* in the Afternoon, Brother *G*—— ask'd me if I would go aſhore, which I agreed to; the *Wind being contrary*, we had deſired the *Captain* to ſet us on Shore in the Morning, but he refuſing, I was (bleſſed be GOD) reſign'd to his Will, which now I thought *call'd me*, ſo we landed at *Haſtings* about Seven, and ſet out with Poſt-Horſes about Nine, and reach'd Twenty Miles. Before we left the Ship, we *pray'd and gave Thanks*, and as ſoon as we came to both our Inns, we did the ſame.—At *Haſtings*, I left three Sermons with the Landlady, and three Letters about *Archbiſhop Tillotſon* and the *Negroes*, for a *Dean*, and two other *neighbouring Clergymen*.—Was enabled to exhort the Men that *landed us*, and gave each of them a *Sermon*, as I did the *Man of War's Men*, before we left the Ship.—Talk'd of the Things of CHRIST on the Road with Brother *G*——, and of the great Mercies we had in our *Voyage*, eſpecially on Account of the Danger of the Ship, which tho' *new*, was ſo ill built, that ſhe could not have borne *bad Weather*, nor *contrary Winds*; and we had neither *one* or the *other* (to ſpeak of) all the Way.—One Night ſhe was in Danger of ſinking, when Brother *G*—— providentially waked and gave Orders to *pump her*, and take in her *Top-Sails* tho' the *Wind* was moderate.—O what Thanks are due for theſe marvellous Mercies! *Praiſe the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits.*

Was enabled to give a cloſe Exhortation to *our Guide*, and while I was talking, not minding my Horſe, he fell, and I fell off, but, bleſſed be GOD (who ſent his Angel to preſerve me) I had not the leaſt Hurt, not ſo much as of my Foot againſt a Stone.

Went to Reſt about Two o' Clock, with a deep Senſe of GOD's Mercies, and my own Unworthineſs.

I think I cannot conclude better than with the following Lines, being Part of my honoured Friend Mr. CHARLES WESLEY's *Life of Faith*, and taken out of the new Collection of HYMNS, juſt publiſh'd by him and his Brother.

I. *Obedi-*

I.

Obedient to his GOD's *Command,*
And influenc'd by Faith alone,
Abraham *left his native Land,*
Went out and ſought a Place unknown.

II.

A Place he ſhould poſſeſs at laſt,
When full four hundred Years were o'er,
Upon the Word himſelf he caſt,
He follow'd GOD, *and ask'd no more.*

III.

As in a ſtrange, tho' promis'd, Land,
(A Land his diſtant Heirs receiv'd,)
He, and his Sons in Tents remain'd;
He knew on whom he had believ'd.

IV.

A better Heritage he ſought,
A City built by GOD *on high,*
Thither he rais'd his tow'ring Thought,
He fix'd on Heaven his ſtedfaſt Eye.

V.

Whoſe firm Foundations never move,
Jeruſalem *was all his Care,*
The new Jeruſalem *above;*
His Treaſure, and his Heart was there.

VI.

And ſhall not we the Call obey,
And haſte where GOD *commands, to go?*
Deſpiſe theſe Tenements of Clay,
Theſe Dreams of Happineſs below?

VII.

Yes Lord; we hearken to thy Call,
As Sojourners o'er Earth we rove,
We have for Thee forſaken all,
And ſeek the Heaven of perfect Love.

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